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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

STATED CONVOCATION,

MARCH 10, 1868.

A STATED CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, March 10, A.D. 1868, R.A.M. 2398.

PRESENT:

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS	Grand High Priest.
M.E. BENJAMIN LEWIS	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	Grand King.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON	Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr.	Grand Master Third Veil.
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, E. Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN,	Grand Chaplains.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.
E. HENRY CHICKERING	Com. on Foreign Correspondence.
GEORGE H. PIKE	Grand Tyler.

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PERMANENT MEMBERS.

JOHN McCLELLAN.	SOLON THORNTON.	W. MARSHALL.
E. W. TOLMAN.	JAMES KIMBALL.	J. N. PIKE.
WILLIAM W. BAKER.	SAMUEL MILLARD.	C. C. DAME.
	A. A. DAME.	

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the record of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz. :—

ST. ANDREWS.	WORCESTER.	HAMPDEN.
KING CYRUS.	MOUNT LEBANON.	SUTTON.
ADONIRAM,	CONCORD.	FALL RIVER.
FRANKLIN.	SHEKINAH.	CAMBRIDGE.
MORNING STAR.	ORIENT.	MOUNT VERNON.
ST. PAUL'S.	KEY STONE.	UNION.
THOMAS.	WAVERLY.	MENOTOMY.
	SAINT MATTHEW'S.	

A petition signed by the following Royal Arch Masons of Natick and vicinity was presented and read, viz. : James H. Parker, Henry C. Burnham, George J. Townsend, Walter N. Mason, George H. Stone, A. F. Mason, C. B. Travis, C. H. Davis, George S. Sleeper, L. R. Edgerton, S. M. Fellows, Franklin Tilton, and Leonard R. Mitchell.

The foregoing petition was referred to Companions Charles H. Norris, Abiel S. Lewis, and Henry C. Skinner, who, subsequently, submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted: —

IN GRAND CHAPTER, March 10, 1868.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of James H. Parker and other Companions of Natick, to open and hold a Chapter of Masons in said Natick, have attended to that duty and respectfully report, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

CHARLES H. NORRIS.
ABIEL S. LEWIS.
HENRY C. SKINNER.

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M.E. Companion Chapman, in behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the following Report: —

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter: —

The Committee appointed to consider the Ritual of the Degrees of Past Master and Royal Arch, have carefully considered the subject, and respectfully beg leave to report: That the Ritual of the degree of Past Master shall be confined to the ceremonies of introduction, election, obligation, installation, and lecture, to be conferred without any intermission or interruption in the order of progression. And in the Royal Arch Degree, the living arch shall be not less than three and one half feet in height, and remain stationary while being used; and in the remaining ceremonies, the candidates for exaltation shall be under the exclusive control of the proper officers, and without interference by any other person.

The Committee further recommend that the High Priest of each Chapter, shall be held responsible for the inforcement of the above regulations.

A F. CHAPMAN.
SOLON THORNTON.
JOHN W. DADMUN.

BOSTON, 10th March, 1868.

Voted, That the foregoing be accepted and the same be printed, and a copy forwarded to each Chapter under this jurisdiction.

M.E. Comp. Thornton, in behalf of the Committee on the jurisdiction of Mount Vernon Chapter, reported in part, and the Committee were granted further time.

Voted, That three copies of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Chapter be sent to each Grand Chapter in the United States.

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The subject matter of the use of Robes by the officers was referred to the Council of this Grand Chapter to consider and report.

On motion of M.E. Companion Chickering, it was *Voted*, That the whole subject of subordinate Chapters entertaining the petitions of unaffiliated Masons, and of Masons unaffiliated in Blue Lodges holding membership in subordinate Chapters, be referred to a Committee to consider and report at the next Regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

M.E. Companions Henry Chickering, William W. Baker, Solon Thornton, John McClellan, and James Kimball, were appointed to serve as said Committee.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

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STATED CONVOCATION,

JUNE 9, 1868.

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on June 9, A.D. 1868, R.A.M. 2398.

PRESENT:

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS	Grand High Priest.
E. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	Grand King.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Grand Scribe *pro tem.*
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
E. SOLON THORNTON	Grand Secretary *pro tem.*
E. Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, } E. Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, }	Grand Chaplains.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.
GEORGE H. PIKE	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at half-past seven o'clock, P.M. The records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: —

ST. ANDREW'S.	MOUNT ZION.	WAVERLY.
WASHINGTON.	THOMAS.	CAMBRIDGE.
ADONIRAM.	MOUNT LEBANON.	ST. MARK'S.
MORNING STAR.	SHEKINAH.	MOUNT VERNON.
ST. PAUL'S.	ORIENT.	MENOTOMY.
	KEY STONE.	

A petition was received from Thomas Hooper, George P. Kettell, James A. D. Worcester, George H. Marden, T.

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L. Sawyer, Amos Stone, Daniel E. Chase, S. S. Willson, Gideon Haynes, Abel E. Bridge, William H. Kent, Edward S. Coombs, W. A. Carlton, Charles W. Sawyer, James W. Poor, John O. Peirce, William Patterson, William W. Bray, John E. Marden, Albert Sawyer, Nathaniel Shattuck, George W. Griffin, George H. Marden, Jr., J. B. Norton, E. P. Tourtellott, Joseph W. Haskins, Orin Gilmore, Charles Curtis, C. S. Morse, J. H. Burrill, Jr., J. A. Adams, Jr., Charles F. Fairbanks, W. Littlefield, Orin Curtis, Lyman Stickney, Elijah S. Wait, Thomas Cunningham, J. Edwin Bray, George W. Berry, Joseph E. Bray, Charles W. Lewis, Howard F. Rowe, Charles S. Dixon, Thomas B. Harris, Alonzo Hall, Caleb Drew, J. W. Talbot, John B. Wilson, Thomas A. Ames, Samuel E. Holbrook, Jr., John McMath, Nelson Cutler, M. Allen Parsons, Franklin A. Hall, Israel F. Crafts, John M. Brintnall, Edward Knight, Nahum H. Chapin, A. D. S. Bell, and A. D. Hall, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the city of Charlestown, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to be named "The Chapter of the Signet." The foregoing petition, having been read, was referred to Excellent Companions Danforth, Romney, and F. A. Pierce, who, subsequently, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners. The report was accepted and a Dispensation ordered.

The following communication was received from King Solomon's Chapter at Ware: —

KING SOLOMON'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, WARE, Jan. 9, 1868.

At a Regular Convocation of King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter holden this day, *Voted*, That the Convocations of this

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Chapter be holden alternately six months at Ware and Barre, subject to the approval of the Grand Chapter, and consent of the Chapter at Athol; and appointed Companions George W. Bostwick and J. F. Snow, a Committee to obtain the consent of the Athol Chapter.

SAMUEL H. PHELPS, *Secretary.*

At a Regular Convocation of Union Royal Arch Chapter at Athol, Feb. 14, 1868, it was *Voted*, That the request of King Solomon's Chapter be granted.

Attest,

JOHN H. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

The communication aforesaid, was referred to M.E. Companions Chapman, Millard, and Storer; this Committee reported, recommending the approval of the vote of King Solomon's Chapter; the report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

On motion of M.E. Companion Chapman, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the proportion due from this Grand Chapter for fitting up the Banqueting Hall, amounting to the sum of fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents.

On motion of M.E. Companion Chapman, it was *Voted*, That this Grand Chapter be represented by its first four Officers, at the Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, to be holden at St. Louis in September next.

On motion of M.E. Companion Jones, it was *Voted*, That should either of the first four Officers be unable to attend the meetiug of the General Grand Chapter, they shall have power to appoint proxies.

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On motion of M.E. Companion Thornton, it was *Voted*, unanimously, That the delegates from this Grand Chapter to the next Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, be requested to use their most earnest efforts to obtain a dissolution of said General Grand Chapter; and, failing to obtain such a dissolution, to seek a peaceable withdrawal therefrom agreeably to the obligations of Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

OCTOBER 13, 1868.

THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, October 13, A.D. 1868.

PRESENT:

M.E. RICHARD BRIGGS	Grand High Priest.
E. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE	Grand King.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON	Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E Z. H. THOMAS, Jr.	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. HENRY C. SKINNER	Grand Master Third Veil.
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN	Grand Master Second Veil.
E. WILLIAM GROVER	Grand Master First Veil.
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. EBEN F. GAY	Grand Steward.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.
E. Rev. JOHN P. ROBINSON, E. Rev. JOHN W. DADMUN, E. Rev. GEORGE L. HUNT,	Grand Chaplains.
E. HENRY CHICKERING	Committee of Foreign Correspondence.
GEORGE H. PIKE	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

JAMES KIMBALL.	SOLON THORNTON.	CHARLES A. WELCH.
JOHN MCCLELLAN.	WYZEMAN MARSHALL.	A. A. DAME.
E. W. TOLMAN.		GEORGE SHERWIN.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form with prayer, by the Grand Chaplain, Companion Hunt.

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The records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz. : —

St. Andrew's.	Mount Horeb.	Cambridge.
Washington.	Shekinah.	Waltham.
Adoniram.	Berkshire.	Mount Vernon.
Morning Star.	King Solomon's.	Corinthian.
St. Paul's.	Key Stone.	Union.
Thomas.	Pilgrim.	St. Stephen's.
Northampton.	Mystic.	Menotomy.

M.E. Companion Chickering submitted a Report from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of receiving to Chapter Membership, or of conferring the Chapter Degrees upon, unaffiliated Master Masons, which was not accepted.

The M.E. Grand High Priest announced the decease of Excellent Companion Jonathan G. Johnson, a past Grand King of this Grand Chapter, and appointed M.E. Companions James Kimball, A. A. Dame, John McClellan, and Charles C. Dame, a Committee to report appropriate resolutions.

The M.E. Grand High Priest presented the following Report, which was read and accepted : —

In Grand Chapter, Boston October 13, 1868.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of uniform Regalia in the Royal Arch Degree, have carefully attended to that duty, and would report, that they have endeavored to ascertain the wishes of the Companions, and in doing so have not found a single instance where the full Regalia of Robes, &c., has been omitted; that the Companions are desirous of adopting them; and among the Chapters that continue to use the Robes, many have expressed either a wish or a willingness to dispense with them. A few cases have come to the notice of your Committee, where the Chapters wish to retain them. Your Commit-

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tee do not wish to take upon themselves the responsibility of deciding the matter, and would therefore present these facts for the consideration and decision of the Grand Chapter.

DANIEL W. LAWRENCE.
RICHARD BRIGGS.
LYMAN B. MESTON.

M.E. Charles A. Welch, in behalf of the officers who attended the Triennial Convocation of the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States at St. Louis, in September last, submitted the following Report, which was read and ordered to be placed upon the Records.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts: —

The undersigned, representatives from your Body to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, held at St. Louis, Missouri, on the fifteenth day of September, 1868, beg leave to report —

Two of our number left Boston earlier than the others, and passed through the cities of Detroit and Chicago on one way to St. Louis. In each of those cities we were received with a more than brotherly kindness by the members of our Order; were taken to every place of interest, and treated with a hospitality that knew no limit whatever, but our capacity to enjoy it. As we look back upon the pleasant moments spent with these brethren, our only regret is lest it may never be in our power to show our appreciation of those fraternal feelings, which made us, strangers as we were except through the mystic bonds of our Order, recipients of such never ceasing attention.

In St. Louis this Grand Chapter was represented by its full delegation, and we had the pleasure of meeting representatives of different branches of Masonry from most of the States of the Union. Besides the Commanderies of St. Louis there were pres-

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ent in uniform, Commanderies from Maryland, New York, and other States; and we were particularly pleased to meet again, in the Commandery which came from Chicago one hundred and twenty strong, most of those Companions who had made our stay in that city so agreeable.

Never was hospitality exercised on a more liberal scale than by the Masons of St. Louis, and there was some danger that the various amusements prepared for us might prevent our having the necessary time for business. A splendid banquet was given to the General Grand Chapter, on the first day of its Convocation, in the large hall in the new masonic building. Towards the close of this banquet a very interesting incident occurred in the presentation to M.E. Companion Mackay of some beautiful jewels, which had been stolen from a Lodge in South Carolina during the civil war, had been accidentally found and redeemed by an Ohio Mason, and placed by him in the hands of a Kentucky Mason on his way to St. Louis, to be presented by him to Companion Mackay, and thus returned to the Lodge from which they were taken. Blessed be the tree that bears such fruit!

On the second day of the Convocation its business was interrupted by an excursion on the Mississippi, given in honor of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, to which the members of the Grand Chapter, and of other Masonic Bodies were also invited. The number of guests was so great that it required three steamboats to carry the whole party; and, as each had its band of music, was handsomely decorated, and well filled with ladies in gay dresses, and the Knights Templars in the uniform of their respective Commanderies, the scene on the river was a very brilliant one.

When at last the Convocation was enabled to attend to business without interruption, the matters which came before it, though they produced much discussion, were finally settled to the general satisfaction. We refer more particularly to the well known existing trouble between the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia and of the State of Maryland and the Potomac Chap-

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ter. We had intended to annex to this Report a copy of the votes passed in regard to this matter, and of the other votes passed at the Convention, but have not as yet been able to procure a correct copy.

Previously to our leaving Massachusetts, our attention was directed to the vote passed by this Grand Chapter, instructing its representatives at this meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States to use their most earnest efforts to obtain a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter; and, failing to obtain such a dissolution, to seek a peaceable withdrawal therefrom agreeably to the obligations of Royal Arch Masons. In obedience to this vote, we had a full and free conversation with the other members of the General Grand Chapter upon the question of its dissolution, and were soon satisfied that such a proposition would meet with no support whatever in the Convocation. Under these circumstances, and after much consideration, we were unanimously of opinion that it would be indiscreet to take any further and more public steps in this direction. The other alternative presented by your vote, that we seek a peaceable withdrawal from the Convocation, could not, in our judgment, have been attempted at that time, and before an opportunity had been offered of once more presenting the subject for your consideration, without lessening to a very great degree the influence of Massachusetts in other Masonic Bodies then meeting in St Louis, and producing a very disagreeable feeling in the hearts of all the Masons then so happily assembled in Missouri. The production of such a result did not seem to us consistent with our obligations as Royal Arch Masons, which, in this same vote, you had so particularly and so properly directed us not to violate.

We trust that our conduct upon the subject matter of this vote will meet with your approbation.

You will permit us also in closing, to add, that we could not fail to observe that the influence of this Convocation upon the general welfare of the Masonic Order was most beneficial, and tended greatly to promote that universal love or charity, as St.

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Paul calls it, which is the "corner stone upon which the edifice of Masonry has been erected."

CHARLES A. WELCH, *Proxy for G.H.P.*
T. H. EMMONS, *Proxy for D.G.H.P.*
DANIEL W. LAWRENCE, *G.K.*
HENRY CHICKERING, *Proxy for Scribe.*

The following communications from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests were received: —

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS,
No. 808 WASHINGTON ST., BOSTON, March 10, 1868.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts: —

COMPANIONS, — I have the honor, as well as the pleasure, of informing you, that, on the evening of the 10th of March, 1868, M.E. Edward Storer, of Menotomy Chapter; M.E. Frederick A. Pierce, of St. Paul's Chapter; M.E. E. C. Chamberlin, of St. John's Chapter; M.E. Charles G. Reed, of Worcester Chapter; M.E. Charles Harris, of Cambridge Chapter; M.E. Isaac P. Carpenter, of Keystone Chapter; M.E. Charles H. Norris, of Washington Chapter; M.E. Timothy Stevens, of Sutton Chapter; M.E. R. H. Bailey, of Morning Star Chapter; M.E. Warren, Currier, of King Cyrus Chapter; M.E. Charles M. Avery, Chapter of the Shekinah; M.E. Robert Henry, of Fall River Chapter; M.E. Charles J. Danforth, of Mount Vernon Chapter; M.E. John A. Lee, of Adoniram Chapter; M.E. Thomas Winship, of Waverly Chapter; M.E. Benjamin Pope, of St. Matthew's Chapter; M.E. Alfred F. Chapman, of St. Andrew's Chapter, have been duly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,
Secretary of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS, No. 803 WASHINGTON ST., BOSTON, June. 9 1868.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts:—

COMPANIONS, — I have the honor, as well as the pleasure, of informing you, that, on the evening of the 9th day of March, 1868, M.E. L. N. Greenleaf, Chapter No. 2, Denver, Colorado and M.E. George Blake, of Mount Zion Chapter, have been duly consecrated to the Order of High Priesthood, and will be acknowledged accordingly.

EBENEZER W. TOLMAN,
Secretary of the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests.

M.E. John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, presented the following Report, which was read and accepted: —

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, for the year ending August 31, 1868, submit the following: —

It appears by the books of that officer, which your Committee find correct, that there was a balance of cash in his hands at the commencement of the year of . . .	$403.95	
He has received for dues from thirty-eight Chapters . .	2,574.00	
For Dispensations for three new Chapters	270.00	
Interest on Investments	324.33	
		$3,572.28

His Disbursements have been as follows: —

Rent of Hall and Gas	$169.96	
Printing	417.80	
Charters	60.00	
Regalia	171.00	
Diploma Plate, and Printing Diplomas	470.00	
Banquets	398.40	
Charity	265.00	
Expenses of Grand Officers in visiting Chapters	256.33	
Insurance on Regalia	7.50	
Sundry bills, including Secretary and Tyler's fees, &c. . .	187.33	
		2,403.33
Balance on hand		$1,168.96

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The Property of the Grand Chapter consists of —

1 City of Boston 5 per cent bond	1,000.00
6 Grand Lodge 6 per cent bonds	1,800.00
7 shares Eliot National Bank	700.00
2 „ First National Bank	200.00
6 „ National Bank of North America	600.00
Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer	1,168.96
Total	$5,468 96

The Committee recommend the usual payment of fifty dollars to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MCCLELLAN.
SOLON THORNTON.

BOSTON, Sept. 1, 1868.

Voted, To proceed to the choice of Officers for the ensuing masonic year. A Committee was appointed to collect, assort and count the votes, when, the following Grand Officers were unanimously elected, viz. : —

M.E. HENRY CHICKERING, Pittsfield	Grand High Priest.
M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JONATHAN P. FOLSOM, Lowell	Grand King.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS, Salem	Grand Scribe.
E. PETER C. JONES, Boston	Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston	Grand Secretary.

M.E. Richard Briggs, on retiring from the chair (his constitutional term having expired), made a short and appropriate address.

M.E. Companion Briggs then installed M.E. Henry Chickering, the Grand High Priest elect, who announced the following appointments : —

Z. H. THOMAS, Jr., Cambridge	Grand Captain of the Host.
ALONZO C. BLETHEN, Lynn	Grand Principal Sojourner.
DANIEL UPTON, Adams	Grand Royal Arch Captain.

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Joseph C. Williams, Northampton . . .	Grand Master Third Veil.
John A. Lee, New Bedford	Grand Master Second Veil.
George Robinson, Belchertown	Grand Master First Veil.
John P. Robinson, Boston, George L. Hunt, Northampton, John W. Dadmun, Winthrop, ...	Grand Chaplains.
Eben. F. Gay, Boston, William Merriam, Fitchburg, . . .	Grand Stewards.
Marlborough Williams, Boston . . .	Grand Lecturer.
John W. Dadmun	Com. of For. Correspondence.
John McClellan, Solon Thornton, John K. Hall, ...	Committee of Finance.
William Parkman, Samuel Millard, Thomas Waterman, ...	Committee of Charity.
William Parkman, Richard Briggs, ...	Trustees of the Funds.
George H. Pike	Grand Tyler.

By request of the M.E. Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Briggs installed the officers thus elected and appointed with the usual formalities, when the customary proclamation was made by the Grand Captain of the Host.

On motion of M.E. Charles A. Welch, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.E. Companion Richard Briggs, for his valuble services during the three years of his official life, services which have been rendered especially acceptable to the Royal Arch Masons of this jurisdiction, for the kind, unobtrusive, and modest manner, in which they have always been performed.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to procure suitable jewels for the Grand Treasurer and Grand Stewards. The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form, when the members proceeded to the Banqueting Hall and partook of a collation.

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STATED CONVOCATION,

DECEMBER 8, 1868.

A STATED CONVOCATION of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, December 8, A.D. 1868, R.A.M. 2398.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY CHICKERING	Grand High Priest.
M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS	Grand Scribe.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr.	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. ALONZO C. BLETHEN	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. DANIEL UPTON	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS	Grand Master Third Veil.
E. JOHN A. LEE	Grand Master Second Veil.
E. THOMAS WINSHIP	Grand Master First Veil, *p. t.*
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. JOHN P. ROBINSON	Grand Chaplain.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Grand Lecturer.
E. EBEN F. GAY	Grand Tyler, *pro tem*

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

JOHN MCCLELLAN,	E. W. TOLMAN,	WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
SOLON THORNTON,	A A. DAME,	JOHN K. HALL,
JAMES KIMBALL,		DANIEL W. CRAFTS.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form; the records of the last Convocation read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz.: —

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St. Andrew's.	Chapter of the She-	Mystic.
Washington.	kinah.	Sutton.
Adoniram.	Orient.	Concord.
Franklin.	Key Stone.	Cambridge.
Morning Star.	Mount Sinai.	Mount Vernon.
St. Paul's.	Pilgrim.	Corinthian.
Worcester.	Waverly.	Mt. Stephen's.
Mount Lebanon.	Hampden.	Menotomy.
Northampton.		Houghton.

M.E. James Kimball, in behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose, submitted the following Report, which was read and unanimously accepted.

The Committee appointed by the M.E. Grand High Priest to prepare resolutions on the death of M.E. Companion Dr. Jonathan G. Johnson, Past Grand King, would report the following preamble and resolutions: —

It having pleased the Great Disposer of all wants to call from time to eternity our M.E. Companion, Jonathan G. Johnson, Past Grand King, admonishing us again that death is fast removing from our number those of our aged Companions to whose fostering care and labors we are indebted for the present prosperity of our Institution, we, therefore, desire to place upon the Records of the Grand Chapter, a slight tribute of respect to the memory of our departed Companion.

Dr. Jonathan G. Johnson was born in the city of Newburyport, November 12, 1790; graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1810; and prepared himself for the practice of medicine, under the direction of Dr. Nathaniel Bradstreet, of that city. He entered at once upon his profession in Newburyport, where he continued to practice until a few days before his death, a period of more than fifty years. Companion Johnson was a gentleman of the old school, posessing elements of character which at once endeared him to all who had his acquaintance. As a physician he was ever ready to minister to the sick and suf-

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fering; and the humble and lowly ever found in him a friend and comforter. His genial nature made him a favorite with the young, to whom he was a kind friend and counsellor. In the various relations of life, his entire conduct was marked by a conscientious discharge of every duty; his purity of purpose, strict integrity of character, and his true christian charity, secured the respect of all classes of his fellow citizens.

Companion Johnson died in the city of Newburyport, on the 16th of October 1868.

As a Mason he became connected with our Institution at the age of 22; being initiated in St. Peter's Lodge in Newburyport, in 1812; receiving the Chapter Degrees in King Cyrus Chapter in 1813; elected Master of St. John's Lodge, in Newburyport, in 1816; and High Priest of King Cyrus Chapter, in 1828, and again in 1857; elected Grand King, in 1855. In his masonic duties he was often called upon to fill offices of honor and trust, and was ever ready to labor for the promotion of the best interests of our Institution. When the anti-masonic excitement caused the hearts of many to wax cold, he remained true and faithful to our Institution, adhering to it during all its persecutions, ennobling it not less by the integrity of his character, and the purity of his life, than by his ardent devotion to every good work by which its best interests might be promoted.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That, in the death of our late Companion, we mourn the loss of a true and steadfast friend; one whose long life was devoted to the best interests of our Institution, and, although he has been called from the pilgrimage of earth to the untried realities of another world, we rejoice in believing him fitted, by faith in God, and polished by a well ordered life, for the Great Master's use in that temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of our deceased Companion, and tender them the assurance of our sincere participation in their great affliction.

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Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the Records of the Grand Chapter.

JAMES KIMBALL.
JOHN MCCLELLAN.
A. A. DAME.

The Report of the Committee on unaffiliated members, submitted at the last Convocation, was taken up, and, on motion of Companion R. M. Barker, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Companion Alonzo C. Blethen, Grand Principal Sojourner elect, and Companion Joseph C. Williams, Grand Master 3d Veil elect, were duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

Webster Chapter, at Webster, was consecrated, and its Officers installed by the M.E. Henry Chickering, Grand High Priest, on the 29th of October, A.D. 1868.

The following charitable donations were granted :—

Twenty-five dollars to Miss Martha Dexter.

Twenty-five dollars to Miss Lucretia Dexter, on motion of Rev. Companion Robinson.

Fifty dollars to the widow of Comp. Ebenezer Hancock.

Twenty-five dollars to the widow of Comp. J. Dickinson, on motion of M. E. Comp. Crafts.

Twenty-five dollars to the widow of Comp. Daniel Montague, on motion of Comp. H. Taber, 2d.

Fifty dollars to the daughters of Comp. William Learned, on motion of M. E. Comp. Thornton.

Twenty-five dollars to Comp. James Asher, by the Committee of Charity as per vote.

M.E. Solon Thornton stated to the Grand Chapter, that certain Companions at Plymouth had prepared a petition for a Dispensation for a Chapter, to be located at that place, and that the petition had been approved by the Chapter at Abington; but owing to some mistake on the part of the

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petitioners, they had failed to have their petition present at this meeting of the Grand Chapter, but he had received a telegram requesting, if possible, that the petition should be referred to a Committee, this evening; otherwise it would be nearly a year before the Chapter would be in working order. Wherefore, it was *Voted*, That the petition aforesaid, when received, should be referred to a Committee, with directions to report direct to the Grand High Priest, when, if he was satisfied with the Report, he should grant the Dispensation prayed for.

The M.E. Grand High Priest appointed M.E. Companions Solon Thornton, Alfred F. Chapman, and John McClellan, a Committee on the Plymouth Petition.

The Committee having reported in favor of granting the Petition of the Companions at Plymouth for a new Chapter to be located in that town, and the M.E. Grand High Priest approving the same, a Dispensation was accordingly issued to William Seaver Danforth, Charles C. Doten, George S. Ryder, Moses Bates, William A. Thomas, Thomas Prince, Samuel B. Thaxter, Uriah Nash, and William H. Davis, by the name of Samoset Chapter, dated December 8, 1868, to be in force one year from the date hereof.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts: —

YOUR COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE with our sister Grand Chapters, reports that, as last year, the reports were all placed in his hands at one time, so late, and at a period of the year when he is so occupied, that he feels he cannot do them, himself, or you, justice. He is therefore again compelled to make this report in a much more hasty manner than its importance demands, or not make it at all. This must be his excuse for many of its imperfections. With more time he could doubtless condense and abbreviate without detracting from its interest, and thereby add to its value.

I have examined, as time would permit, the Proceedings of nineteen Grand Bodies, as follows, and present such a synopsis of their transactions, extracts from addresses, reports, etc., as seem of the most general interest.

Arkansas	Nov.	1868	
California	Oct.	1868	
Canada	Aug.	1866, '68	
Connecticut		1867	
District of Columbia		1867	
Illinois	Oct.	1867	
Kentucky	Oct.	1868	
Louisiana	Feb.	1868	
Maine	May	1868	
Maryland and District of Colum.	Nov'r	1867, '68	
Minnesota	Oct.	1867	
Missouri	Oct.	1867	
Ohio	Oct.	1867	
Pennsylvania		1865, '66, '67	
Rhode Island		1866, '67, '68	
South Carolina	Feb.	1868	
Tennessee	Sept.	1868	
Texas	June	1868	
General Grand Chapter		1868	

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ARKANSAS.

The nineteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held at Little Rock, November 12 and 13, 1868. M.E. Luke E. Barber, Grand High Priest, presiding, with twenty-one Chapters represented. We make the following quotations from the able address of the Grand High Priest: —

"And, Companions, let us all, by a full and free interchange of masonic thought, endeavor to impress upon each his duty to others. We are, in a sense, our brother's keepers. If we see him going wrong, it is our duty to warn; if he be in error, to instruct; if he be slothful and indifferent, to rouse and animate him to a just appreciation of masonic obligation; if he enter upon the paths of vice, to admonish, reprove, entreat him to return from the ways that lead to degradation, infamy, and death.

"It has not been within my power, during the past year, to visit the subordinate Chapters; nor has much information reached me as to the general progress of the Order; nor can I well form an opinion as to this, except so far as the granting or not granting of Dispensations for new Chapters may warrant a conclusion. Not a Dispensation has been applied for since our last Convocation. This fact, however, is not certain evidence that Capitular Masonry is not in a healthy condition. In the year preceding the past, I feared that too many new Chapters were being organized, though I did not feel justified in refusing the applications; and now, could I be assured that our Companions were perfecting themselves in the ritual of the Order, and endeavoring to elevate the tone of masonic thought and purify the hearts by a more intimate acquaintance with our moral instructions and masonic symbolisms, assured that this alone was the cause why there has been no effort to increase the number of Chapters, I should congratulate you and the Order upon the wisdom evinced by our Companions in this respect during the past year. But it may be that there are other causes, affecting their personal condition and relations. The attendant expenses are not easily borne by those who are struggling for necessaries; and I fear that there are not many of us exempt from this struggle. To this cause, I think, may be attributed the fact that I have no new Chapters to report."

Among the decisions of the Grand High Priest is one, that "suspension by a Blue Lodge for any cause, operates as a suspension in the Chapter;" and he argues, that although this differs from the custom in many places, it is right; and he was sustained by the Grand Chapter.

The surplus funds of this Grand Chapter are appropriated to

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aid Saint John's College, an educational institution initated a few years since by the Grand Masonic Bodies of that State.

The several Chapter degrees were conferred on two persons, and that of the Royal Arch on three — apparently for the purpose of exemplifying the work — one of whom was proposed and balloted for in Grand Chapter. Charters were granted for three new Chapters. The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Samuel W. Williams, and is an able and fraternal review of the Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, Massachusetts briefly included. He quotes freely from addresses and reports, and comments in a very racy, and sometimes caustic, readable style, and with discrimination. We copy from his concluding remarks, which our own experience enables us heartily to endorse : —

"But no one who has ever undertaken the task of reading with care three or four thousand pages of printed matter, and extracting from them matters of interest, but is aware that justice cannot be done in a few lines, either to the subject, the writer, the Proceedings reviewed, or the Craft to whom the report is made."

We find no table of statistics. M.E. Luke E. Barber, of Little Rock, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. W. D. Blocher, of Little Rock, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at San Francisco, October 19 and 20, 1868. M.E. Isaac Sutven Titus, Grand High Priest, presiding, with thirty-one chartered Chapters represented. The address of the Grand High Priest, is brief and confined principally to a recital of his official acts. He alludes very feelingly to the death of Past Grand High Priest, Henry H. Hartley, and pays a fitting tribute to his memory. Of the prosperity of the Order there, he says : —

"I cannot refrain from congratulating you upon the harmony which prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction, and the prosperity with which nearly all of our subordinates has been attended during the past year."

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Dispensation for one new Chapter was granted by him, and at this meeting a Charter ordered to issue to it, and also to another new Chapter which had not been under Dispensation.

Comp. Lawrence C. Owen again presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence, which is an able and discriminating review of the Proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, leaving only four unheard from. He says: —

"The labor of preparing a paper of this kind is most always a pleasant one, and it has been particularly so to the writer this year, for it enables him to spread the glad tidings that unexampled prosperity has, in almost every jurisdiction, been the attendant of the Royal Craft. Except in the matter of the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, the utmost harmony prevails, and we feel very sure that the unfortunate differences existing on that account will soon be adjusted, and that in every portion of our beloved country we will 'dwell together in unity.'"

He gives Massachusetts a gentle hint, that she, or her compiling officer, had better foot her table of statistics, in the following words: —

"Comp. Chickering complains of sundry Grand Chapters for not furnishing statistics. We have also had occasion to find the same fault, and to include his own Grand Chapter in the category, for we were compelled to do our own additions to ascertain that there were thirty-seven chartered Chapters now on its roll, with a membership of four thousand five hundred and eighty-nine, besides four under Dispensation, the membership of which is not given."

This hint, I trust, we shall profit by, and not again neglect the matter of footings. Any one who makes the Report on Correspondence will appreciate the importannce of this, while for reference it is of great convenience to all. Returns from thirty-five Chapters show a membership of 1,546; exalted during the year, 206; affiliated, 39; restored, 13; withdrawn, 125; suspended and excluded, 35; died, 11; rejected, 11.

M.E. John W. Harville, of San Francisco, was elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Lawrence C. Owen, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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CANADA.

We have the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada for 1866 and 1868. At the Annual Convocation in 1866, the Grand Z. (High Priest), in his address, reports harmony as existing between the Chapters and Companions, and says: "It is with sincere pleasure I am able to declare, that with all our sister Grand Bodies our communications and relations are of the very kindliest description."

Dispensations were granted for two new Chapters during the year, and at this meeting Warrants of Constitution were ordered to be given to them. Comp. James Seymour, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a report reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-four Grand Chapters in a dignified and discriminating manner, in which Massachusetts is very kindly and fraternally noticed. He thinks it is a question whether a necessity exists for the General Grand Chapter of the United States, though he adds: "We confess from careful examination of its Constitution and Proceedings, that we are not strongly prepossessed in its favor when we find that it has so far failed to secure uniformity of work." He says: —

"Sixty years of existence ought to have produced more satisfactory results than those claimed by its best friends; and if the future is not brighter with promise than the past, our candid opinion is, that the collapse of the General Grand Chapter would be an event that would do more good to Royal Arch Masonry than its continued existence could possibly secure. In thus placing our views on record concerning this American bone of contention — and such it really appears to be — we do so on broad masonic grounds, based on the well-being of the Royal Craft throughout the continent, rather than from any desire to obtrude our opionions or meddle with what might otherwise be regarded as a domestic or family quarrel. In the latter sense it is their own affair, and having drawn "an elephant," they should find some practical use for it; but in the former, its utility is open to fair outside criticism, and in this spirit we cannot do otherwise than pronounce against the concern."

He closes with the following: —

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"They would also express their unalloyed satisfaction at the large measure of prosperity observable in nearly every Grand Body whose Proceedings have come under notice. Harmony appears to reign supreme in the general conduct of their affairs, fervency and zeal seem to animate all in carrying out the exalted principles of the Royal Craft; and better still, wherever differences have prevailed, the warmest solicitude is expressed that they should be blotted out of remembrance, in order to the most perfect reconciliation between every member of our mystic family. May this spirit ever continue, and Masonry will pursue her glorious mission, in subduing the passions and elevating the nobler instincts of mankind, till time shall be no more, when the world's Great Architect will call us to that better land."

Returns from twenty-three Chapters show a membership of 847. M.E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington was re-elected Grand Z. (High Priest), and Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Scribe.

The Annual Convocation for 1868 was held at Montreal, August 11, M.E. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z., presiding; twenty-seven Chapters represented, including two under Dispensation. From the address of the Grand Z. it appears that Dispensations were granted to two new Chapters, and at this meeting Warrants of Constitution were granted them. A "Warrant of Affiliation" was also granted to New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, St. John. He also states that —

"All the Grand Bodies evince a most kindly feeling towards us, and their Proceedings show a degree of prosperity on their own parts that is much to be rejoiced at, and is a subject of and for sincere congratulation."

Preliminary measures seem to have been taken for constituting one General Grand Chapter for the Dominion, including Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; but as these Provinces have now their respective Grand Lodges, fully organized and recognized, he thinks: —

"There can be no doubt that independent 'Grand Chapters' may be at once established in each by the Companions residing and working therein."

He denounces, as did his predecessor, in severe terms; Fenianism and its acts of violence, and recommends that they

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"stamp them out;" and adds, "The second of our 'ancient charges' should be replete with interest to every member of our Order, and he can never find a better guide to what is his strict duty as a citizen and loyal subject." The Grand Chapter approves and endorses in strong terms.

The reports represent a good degree of harmony and prosperity. The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Henry Robertson, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Bodies, Massachusetts briefly included. It consists mostly of a very brief summary of the Proceedings of these Bodies, decisions, rules, extracts, etc., with occasional comments, made in good spirit and with a discriminating judgment. He closes as follows: —

"Your Committee rejoice in being able to state that, on the whole, peace and harmony prevail throughout the length and breadth of the land, and that the Royal Art is everywhere in a flourishing condition, extending the blessings of brotherly love and charity over the waste and desolate places of the earth, and nobly striving to fulfil the end and aim of its existence — 'The amelioration of the condition of mankind.' So mote it be."

Reports from twenty-nine of the thirty Chapters on the roll show a membership of 1,206; "registrations reported," 195; "joinings," 14; withdrawals, 46; suspensions, 26; deaths, 6.

M.E. Comp. T. Douglas Harrington, of Ottawa, was re-elected Grand Z., and R.E. Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, re-elected Grand Scribe.

CONNECTICUT.

The Semi-Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at New London, Nov. 6, 1867, M.E. James L. Gould, Grand High Priest, presiding, for the purpose of exemplifying the work; besides which no other business of moment was done.

The Annual Convocation was held at Hartford, May 12, 1868, M.E. James L. Gould, Grand High Priest, presiding, and twenty-six Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest, in his ad-

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dress, dwells upon the importance of scrutinizing care as to the character of candidates, and recommends a regulation forbidding the conferring of the Capitular degrees on non-affiliated Masons. He also argues against the custom of installing officers by proxy. The following resolutions, covering the two latter points, were passed: —

Resolved, That the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction are hereby forbidden to confer the degrees of Capitular Masonry, or either of them, upon any candidate, unless he be a member in good standing in a just and lawfully constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Resolved, That hereafter no officer elect, either in this M.E. Grand Chapter, or in any of the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, shall be installed by proxy.

Resolved, That should any officer elect of this M.E. Grand Chapter be absent at the time of the regular installation of officers, the M.E. Grand High Priest shall issue his Dispensation to some proper Companion, authorizing and instructing him to install such absent officer elect, at such time and place as shall be therein designated.

Resolved, That in case any officer elect of any subordinate Chapter shall be absent at the time of the regular installation of officers of such Chapter, it shall be the duty of the M.E. High Priest of such Chapter to install said officer elect at the first subsequent Convocation at which he may be present.

The subject of conflict of authority in the organization of a Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia was alluded to by the Grand High Priest, in his address, and referred to a committee, who subsequently reported upon the facts and recommended the following resolution, which was adopted: —

Resolved, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut, having full confidence in the integrity and masonic skill of the Companions who have been selected to govern aud superintend the labors of the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia, and believing the said Grand Chapter to be properly and carefully instituted, does hereby acknowledge and recognize the said Grand Chapter as the governing head of Capitular Masonry within the said District of Columbia; and we do cordially extend to the said Grand Chapter the right hand of fellowship, and receive her as a beloved member of the great American family of Royal Arch Masonry.

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The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our old friend and companion, William Storer, who reviews the Proceedings of some twenty-five Grand Chapters in a discriminating and exhaustive report of seventy-five pages, in which he quotes freely from those reports, and comments fearlessly, but with a good sense and judgment, showing a mind well stored with masonic law and usage, thoroughly combined with a knowledge and love of our principles. Our own Proceedings are very fully reviewed, and a very handsome and deserved compliment paid to Comp. Kimball, late Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and the closing paragraphs of his report copied. There are also kind allusions to your present Committee, of which we wish we were more deserving; and he quotes a page or more of the conclusion of our last report. The spirit of this report is good throughout, and the whole marked with fairness and ability. We cannot pass it without quoting the following: —

"And here we close our annual review of Capitular Masonry. It is by no means what we could wish it was; but nevertheless it has cost a much greater amount of time and labor than one unaccustomed to similar efforts can well imagine. Its preparation has occupied many weeks of close application, and many a time since its commencement has the aching head and dimmed eye of advancing age warned us to desist. But it has been, notwithstanding, a labor of love. Often, in perusing the beautiful sentiments which have been photographed on the pages of our gifted Companions all over the land, have we been constrained to pause and admire the exalted excellence of an Institution which is founded on the principles of light and love and truth, and which enrolls in its membership so many minds capable of imparting delight and instruction to their fellow-men. O that every Mason would constantly and conscientiously practice their teachings.

"During the long and dreary years which closed with A.D. 1865, we were almost entirely cut off from all communication with our Brethren and Companions in the Southern portion of the Republic, and we had no means of knowing their actual condition. Bnt since the return of peace, we are again favored with the fraternal correspondence of several of the Southern jurisdictions, and we begin to know and feel how much they have suffered. Located, as they are, in the immediate vicinity of the stirring events which have formed so large a part of the history of the last few years, they have had sad experience of the devastatiors of war. They find their altars overthrown, their temples demolished, their membership scattered, the exchequers of their Lodges and Chapters exhausted. But it is gratifying to

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know that they are not therefore discouraged. The living principle of Masonry — the principle of brotherly love, relief, and truth — still exists in all its freshness and vigor. In the few Southern jurisdictions from which we have returns, we are glad to know that our Companions are re-erecting their desolated altars, and re-kindling the sacred fire. They seem to be determined, relying on the Supreme Grand High Priest for assistance, to persevere in their efforts, until they finally rebuild all their waste places. We take pleasure in assuring them that they have the fraternal sympathy of every true Brother and Companion, and our fervent prayer is, that nothing shall again interrupt their prosperity.

"Finally, our annual survey has afforded pleasing evidence that the career of our beloved Institution is still onward and upward. So may it ever be."

Reports from twenty-seven subordinate Chapters show a membership of 3,066; exalted during the year, 374; admitted, 12; withdrawn, 17; died, 42; suspended, 1; expelled, 2.

Several of the Chapters in this State are very large, one having three hundred and seventy-four members; another, three hundred and forty; another, two hundred and forty-four; thirteen, over one hundred each; and the average of the twenty-six whose numbers are given, being over one hundred and eighteen.

M.E. James L. Gould, of Bridgeport, and E. Joseph K. Wheeler, of Hartford, were severally re-elected Grand High Priest and Secretary for the ensuing year, and Comp. Storer, of West Hartford, reappointed Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We have before us the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the year 1867, including preliminary meetings, organizations, etc. It contains besides a detailed account of the steps taken in its formation, and goes at length into the whole history of conflict of authority between itself and the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia, the General Grand High Priest, Potomac Chapter, etc. The addresses of the Grand High Priest, Holmead, are long, and principally taken up with labored arguments to prove their course legal. Some of it

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seems to us like special pleading, and not altogether in good taste or masonic spirit. But as the General Grand Chapter at its late Triennial Convocation fully recognized this Grand Chapter, we suppose this settles the difficulty, though she may hesitate to resign jurisdiction over Potomac Chapter, and Maryland may dislike as much to yield jurisdiction over the District; and it seems hardly worth while to go into the subject again now, but to let the past go and strive for future peace, harmony, and good-will. Having been thus recognized, we gladly extend to her the cordial right hand of fellowship and welcome her into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and to this end I would recommend that she be formally recognized by vote of this Grand Chapter.

The returns show five subordinates, with a membership of 498; exalted during the year, 149; affiliated, 8; reinstated, 11; withdrawn, 42; died, 5; dropped, 39; suspended, 2; expelled, 6; rejected, 8.

At the Annual Meeting in November, M.E. J. E. F. Holmead and R.E. Noble D. Larner, both of Washington, were severally re-elected to the offices of Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, and M.E. Comp. R. B. French was appointed Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation, at Springfield, on the 4th of October, 1867, M.E. Orlin H. Minor, Grand High Priest, presiding, and eighty-seven Chapters represented.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest relates entirely to local matters, and contains little of general interest. From it we learn that Dispensations were granted during the year for eleven new Chapters. A rule was adopted, providing that the application of a rejected candidate should not be again received until the expiration of twelve months from the date of such rejection.

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H. G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary, of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a report reviewing the Proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, many of them very briefly. They quote quite freely in the review of Massachusetts from the report of M.E. Companion Kimball for 1866, in reference to the work in Canada. He goes very fully into the case of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, occupying ten pages in very fine type, and quoting many of the papers and documents issued by the different parties to the case.

The following resolution in reference to the use of substitutes in the the Royal Arch Degree was passed: —

Resolved, That the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree on less than three actual candidates at a time, is hereby expressly forbidden by this Grand Chapter; and if any Chapter violates this resolution it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest at once to arrest its Charter.

Number of working, chartered Chapters, 109; under Dispensation, 2; total, 111; members returned, 5,724; estimated members not returned, 150; total, 5,874; exaltations during the year, 1,150; admitted, 88; dimitted, 215; expelled, 11; suspended, 23; rejected, 107; died, 48.

M.E. Comp. George H. Lininger, of Peru, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. H. G. Reynolds, of Springfield, re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Body was held at Louisville, October 19 and 20, 1868, M.E. I. T. Martin, Grand High Priest, presiding, with seventy-two Chartered Chapters and eight under Dispensation, represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a concise and able document. After alluding to the causes for thankfulness, and the warm and heartfelt greetings with which they assemble, he alludes very feelingly to the death of Past Grand High Priest, Rev. W. H. Forsythe, and says, among other things of him: —

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"And in this connection it will be proper, perhaps, for me to perform the painful duty of announcing to you the death of our Past Grand High Priest, Rev. W. H. Forsythe, who departed this life on the 4th day of September 1868, after a brief illness. To most of you his name is a household word; he was many times elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and often Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter; and while presiding over this Grand Chapter, did so with such singular ability and fraternal kindness as to attach to him all with whom he came in contact. In early life the Bishop, as he was familiarly called, was an opponent of our Institution, and remained so until he espoused the cause of our Redeemer, at which time he became a warm and zealous member of our Order, and Paul was no warmer in advocating the Christian religion after his conversion, and which he persecuted before with so much vigor, than was the Bishop, of Masonry, after he entered in its cause. He was its earnest, zealous supporter, illustrating the purity and sublimity of its teachings by the rectitude of his life and conduct. He was ever found in the discharge of duty."

Of the condition of the Order in that State, he says: —

"It is with great pleasure that I am enabled to report to you perfect peace and harmony throughout our jurisdiction. Not a note of discord has been heard throughout the last year. While prosperity has abounded in all sections of our State, and while the material of the temple has been greatly added to, it has been such as has stood, and we trust will stand, the Grand Overseer's squares, *true, tried, and trusty*, showing the outer courts of our tabernacle have been well and truly guarded, and such has been the harmony in our subordinate Chapters, that no question of importance has been referred to me for my official decision, and this we feel to be a source of gratulation to this Grand Chapter, and especially so, when we consider the number of Chapters and members."

In reference to the work, he says, there is a great want of uniformity in the jurisdiction, and earnestly recommends the appointment of a Grand Lecturer as the best way to obviate this difficulty, and says, "I do this while I know your prejudices against Grand Lecturers."

Dispensations were granted during the year for five new Chapters, and to one to resume labor; and there are now, as he states, more than one hundred Chapters in the State.

From his closing remarks we quote: —

"You will permit me to congratulate you on the general prosperity of our Institution everywhere — its march is onward, and upward —

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"Like some tall cliff it lifts its awful form, —
Swelling from the vale, midway leaves the storm;
While circling clouds around its breast may spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.'

"So will it ever be, while we have enrolled among our members the wisest and best men in the land, and while truth and virtue characterize our membership. Notwithstanding there is a muttering in the North of anti-masonic sentiment, yet in the future, as in the past, it will pass away before the principles of Eternal Truth, upon which our superstructure is securely erected. Nothing is to be feared from any quarter while our members practice the teachings of Masonry.

"It is a remarkable fact that thousands do not heed, that it leads a man step by step to the foot of the cross, and points him to an ascended Redeemer for salvation, while it teaches him to practice every Christian virtue."

The resources of this Grand Chapter, including cash on hand, are $11,273.59.

Charters were granted to six new Chapters, and one which had recommenced work had its Charter restored. The death of Past Grand High Priest, Humphrey Jones, was announced, and suitable resolutions passed.

There was no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Returns from eighty-five Chapters show a membership of 3,701; exaltations, 457; admitted, 56; rejected, 31; expelled, 3; suspended, 42; restored, 4; dimitted, 161; died, 40. Of the number of members, 190 are reported as ministers.

M.E. Richard G. Hawkins, of Louisville, was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. P. Swigert, of Frankfort, re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at New Orleans, February 11, 1868, M.E. H. P. Buckley, Grand High Priest, presiding, and fifteen Chapters being represented. The address of the Grand High Priest relates almost entirely to local matters. He speaks of death having been busy among them, and having removed several Com-

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panions, and mentions the case of one of the subordinate officers of that Grand Chapter having been murdered while pursuing his daily avocation. He says, that "harmony prevails throughout this jurisdiction."

E. Comp. Wm. H. Leake, from Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a report reviewing the Proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, Massachusetts not included. The review of nearly all of them is quite brief, but discriminating; and such comments as are made, independent and fearless; the subject of the Grand Chapter of the district of Columbia receiving more attention, and occupying more space, than any other subject.

Returns from twenty-five Chapters show a membership of 1,504; exalted during the year, 133; affiliated, 36; dimitted, 66; died, 49; stricken from the roll (for non-payment of dues), 72; expelled, 2; reinstated, 1.

M.E. Samuel H. Todd, of New Orleans, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, M.D., of New Orleans, re-elected Grand Secretary.

By the Constitution of this Grand Chapter any Companion is eligible to any office in it, provided only that he be an active member of a Subordinate Chapter under its jurisdiction. They also forbid Chapters receiving the application of an unaffiliated Mason.

MAINE.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine was held at Portland, May 4, 1868, M.E. Josiah H. Drummond, Grand High Priest, presiding, with twenty-five of the twenty-six chartered Chapters in the State, represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is an able and practical document. He congratulates them that they once more meet in a tabernacle dedicated to Masonry, the Craft in Portland having "rebuilded the waste places of their Zion." Of the condition of the Order in that State, he says: —

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"While, during the year just closed, the accessions to our numbers may not have been as great as in the two preceding years, I believe our prosperity has never been greater. The utmost harmony has generally prevailed; the officers and members have, as a rule, been zealous and efficient in the discharge of their duties; the 'outer door' has been well guarded, and a closer observance of our rules has been required."

He deprecates the practice of using substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree, and says he cannot reconcile it with the charge to the High Priest at his installation; and we fully agree with him.

Five new Chapters were chartered and constituted during the year, and Dispensations granted for four others.

He recommends merging the Grand Chapter Library in that of the Grand Lodge, the members of both Bodies to have equal rights and privileges in it, thus making it more full and complete, and more valuable than many smaller ones, with the interests of all centering in it. He also urges the importance of having preserved a complete set of the published Proceedings of the Body, and, as some of them are not to be had, recommends their re-publication, and thinks many would be taken and paid for by the Companions, thus lessening the expense to the Grand Chapter. The preservation of a complete set of the Proceedings of all our Bodies, and also copies of all Chapters, is very important, and the time will come when they will be considered invaluable.

The subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia is mentioned, and he invokes the most deliberate and careful attention to it. In speaking of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, to be held at St. Louis in October, he says, "It will be the turning point in its history. It will prepare the way either for its speedy dissolution or for a career of prosperity and usefulness," and adds, "In my humble judgment it should do one of two things, either dissolve or maintain its authority."

Among the decisions made by the Grand High Priest is, that an objection to an elected candidate before any degree is conferred on him, is equivalent to a rejection, without reasons for the objection being given, and should be so recorded. We believe this

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is contrary to the rule in some jurisdictions at least, if not in most, where the custom is to refer objections to a Committee or Chapter to be investigated, and if not removed to require a new ballot. As to the ritual and work, he urges adherence to "the primitive form, and on the basis of its simplest and most ancient ritual;" and adds, "If the ritual is to be remodelled and perfected to suit the wants of the age, not one timber in its most ancient framework should be changed or disturbed." So say we. Let us have done with remodelling and perfecting what we shall not be likely to improve, and adhere to the old landmarks. We copy the following paragraph: —

"The future of Royal Arch Masonry is bright with the promise of prosperity and usefulness. There is to be just opposition enough to remind us of our duties. There are to be just adverse winds enough to cause us to keep the sails well trimmed, a sharp lookout for shoals, and a steady hand at the helm. Our enemies who attack us, not on account of our *faults* but on account of our *principles*, will do us essential service. But we must adhere to the landmarks, setting our faces as flint against innovations, come from what source they may."

During the Convocation, Comp. Oliver Gerrish, Grand Treasurer, presented a communication, declining to be again a candidate for that office, and stating that he was first elected to the office in 1831, and had held it from that time to the present — a term of thirty-seven years, — except three years during the "dark ages," when he presided as Grand High Priest, — making thirty-four years service in the office of Treasurer.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is from the pen of M.E. Grand High Priest, Josiah H. Drummond, who reviews the Proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, in a very able and discriminating manner, and it is the most comprehensive and thorough report of the kind that we have seen. He seems to be much more fortunate than we in getting the reports from other Bodies, and, in the absence of several from our table, we avail ourselves again, as last year, of some of the facts in his tables of statistics and officers. This

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report goes quite fully into a history of the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and the difficulty between it and the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia. He takes the ground that the Grand Chapter of the District was legally formed; that the consent of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter was necessary; that the consent of the General Grand High Priest by telegraph, in response to a letter from Comp. Whiting, was sufficient, and having been thus given, it was too late to withdraw it. But, though arriving at this conclusion as to the legality of its organization, he takes the ground that the General Grand High Priest having declared that it was not legally formed, that decision is law, which we must carefully obey until the session of the General Grand Chapter, which Body he thinks should reverse that decision, and in closing offered resolutions to that effect, which were referred to a committee, of which he was made chairman. Massachusetts is briefly noticed, but in a kind and courteous manner, and our last years Report on Foreign Correspondence more flatteringly commented on than it deserves. He adds, in speaking of this report, —

"He devotes four pages to Maine, quoting approvingly; and also says: 'The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter are admirably arranged, complete, and full, with a capital index.' But we can scarcely yet afford to get them up in the style of his own. Every thing shows that our Mother Grand Chapter is accomplishing her mission harmoniously and prosperously.

We thank him for the kindly mention of the "Mother Grand Chapter," and perhaps we ought to add in reference to the preceding words, that the infliction of so long a report as ours of last year, was almost too much for her. We must repeat in substance what we said last year, though in stronger terms, that in fullness, completeness, admirableness of arranagement, needful information upon Capitular Masonry, index, etc., the Maine Proceedings are among the best, if not the very best, we have seen, and are a model for imitation; and we must add, that in

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all this we see the guiding hand, and prolific, directing mind of Comp. Drummond.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, reported the following resolutions, which were passed: —

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter that the M.E. General Grand Chapter of the United States ought, at its next session, to recognize the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia as a regular Body, having exclusive jurisdiction in the Federal District, subject only to the Constitution and Laws of said General Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That we fraternally exhort all the Masons of the District of Columbia to lay aside all "private piques and quarrels," to reconcile their differences, and to sacrifice their animosities, upon the altar of Masonry, that through them it may not become a by-word and reproach among the people; assuring them that we shall hail with joy the day when we shall be permitted again to greet them under the Royal Arch.

Preliminary steps were taken to amend the Constitution so as to provide that —

"It is the duty of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and District Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, to improve themselves in the sublime arts and work of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason, and to make themselves masters of the several masonic lectures and ancient charges; and it shall be the duty of each one of them in person, at least once in each masonic year, to visit and preside in the several Chapters in his District, and give such lectures and instruction as will tend to a proper and uniform mode of working, always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order; and their actual traveling expenses for such visit shall be paid by the Grand Chapter. The Grand Council shall divide the State into Districts, and shall annually appoint a District Deputy Grand High Priest for each District, except those in which reside either the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe.

Returns from all the Chapters in the State, twenty-six under Charter, and four under Dispensation, show a membership of 2,210; exaltations during the year, 400; non-affiliated, 34; rejected, 36; suspended, 1; dimitted, 31; deceased, 26.

M.E. Comp. James M. Larrabee, of Gardiner, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. Ira Berry, of Portland, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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MARYLAND AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We are not in possession of the full Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, but have before us a synopsis of so much of the Proceedings of its Convocation held Nov. 11, 1867, as refer to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and we copy the following preamble and resolutions, which will perhaps more fully and briefly explain its action than we could otherwise do, — premising that the resolutions were adopted, the first by a vote of eighteen to four, and the others unanimously.

Whereas, On the 16th of May last, this Grand Chapter, under a misapprehension of the authority received in a certain telegram from the M.E.G. Grand High Priest, passed a resolution declaring a division of the jurisdiction be complete, and

Whereas, The M.E.G.Grand High Priest has since issued his edict, declaring the formation of the so-called Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia to be irregular, and to have no valid legal existence, and

Whereas, No division of the jurisdiction could legally be effected without amendments to the Constitution, a proposition for which must be made at one Stated Convocation and lie over till the next Stated Convocation before action thereon; therefore,

Resolved, That the Proceedings of the two Special Convocations in March and May last, so far as they relate to a division of the jurisdiction, were irregular and illegal, and that this Grand Chapter still retains the name and character of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia.

Resolved, That the action of the M.E. Grand High Priest in suspending the Charters of Chapters Nos. 15, 16, and 20, be and is hereby approved; and their suspension is hereby continued.

Resolved, That the Charters of Chapters Nos. 15, 16, and 20, or duplicates thereof, be restored to such sufficient number of the members of said Chapters as may apply to the M.E. Grand High Priest and satisfy him of their good standing.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter fully endorses the action of the M.E.Grand High Priest in declaring the so-called Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia to be irregular and clandestine, and that it has no valid legal existence, and all masonic intercourse with it or its members is hereby strictly forbidden by this Grand Chapter.

The Chapters referred to in the second and third resolutions, it will of course be understood, are those in the District of Columbia which formed the new Grand Chapter.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, written by Comp. E.

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L. Stevens, also goes over a history of the matter, and discusses the subject at considerable length. But we incline to think you have heard enough of this matter. The spirit evinced in all these documents does not seem to be one that is likely to promote harmony or a speedy settlement of this unfortunate and complicated affair. Document after document has been issued upon each side, the tendency of which, instead of being conciliatory, has been calculated to widen the breach. Unwise and impolitic steps, to say the least, have undoubtedly been taken by both parties, and each has gone on denouncing one and another Body or person as clandestine, illegal, or unconstitutional, suspending, expelling, etc., apparently with more of a spirit of wilfulness and determination to maintain its own position at all hazards, than a desire, through reasonable concessions, to secure harmony and peace, until they have got into a muddle that it will be difficult for any one to lead them out of. From the spirit hitherto evinced we do not believe this Grand Chapter will be satisfied with the settlement of the matter as just made by the General Grand Chapter, and we daily expect more edicts, — we fear before we can get this report off our hands. We are sick of the matter and of the spirit manifested, and are not sure but it would be best to leave them all out in the cold till they can show a different and more masonic spirit, and exercise a little brotherly love.

It has come, as we expected. Since the foregoing was written we have received, printed in advance of its regular publication, that part of this Grand Chapter's Proceedings in November, 1868, which relate to this subject. And first, is the address of the Grand High Priest, captious in spirit, it seems to us, denouncing the action of the General Grand Chapter, as *ex parte*, unjust, unconstitutional, etc., and stating that after its action, he withdrew from the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, thus placing upon its course "the seal of our disapprobation," and he calls upon his Companions to decide whether they will longer remain under the General Grand Chapter. "Whether you will continue

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joined to a factious and versatile power, without authority to enforce its own decrees? A '*nomine et umbra*' — a shadow without a substance, a body without a living heart."

Next comes the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which the writer, among other things, after speaking of their own action in referring the proposition for a division back to the District Chapter, says, "Then ensued a series of blunders on both sides, resulting in a condition of things not so easy of solution." Of this we think there can be no doubt. He argues that the steps taken for the separation were illegal, is quite severe on Companion Mackey, and seems to attempt — though we do not see that he succeeds — to answer certain questions of masonic law propounded by the Grand High Priests of Ohio and South Carolina in relation to the matter. In some of his allusions and remarks he is, to say the least, severe, and we fail to see that they indicate that he has "submitted his passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity." Take the following single quotation — and it is only one of many others similar in spirit — as an example: —

"The reading of these sentences excites in us pretty much the same feeling as must have existed in the breast of one whose utterances we lately read; to wit, that 'the worst of insults was to be kicked by a ——,' well we won't finish the quotation, but we do not the less dislike the sensation produced by the pedal jactitutions of a certain long-eared quadruped. We are not Darwinian enough to be gulled by such expressions in conclusion of such a document, as 'With malice toward none, with charity for all.' We made no promise as to our notice of the author of that *report*, and therefore cannot be accused of being *false* to our obligation. We feel that we have descended low enough toward the author 'to meet on the level,' and we think we have said enough to 'part on the square."

And last, but not least, comes the Report of the Committee of the Grand Chapter, to which the subject was referred, with resolutions offered by them. It is not said that they were adopted, but we suppose they were.

Resolved, That the action of the General Grand Chapter of the United States in regard to the District of Columbia, is in direct violation of its Constitution, and therefore null and of no effect, and has no binding force.

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Resolved, That a State Grand Chapter has no right to violate its Constitution and to adhere to such action, and that the General Grand Chapter is more restricted in this respect.

Resolved, That we request the several State Grand Chapters to review their action, take into consideration all the facts of the case, and adopt measures in accordance therewith.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter believes that she has now placed herself in her proper position, and will maintain her rightful authority over every foot of the original territory of the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That the sentence heretofore pronounced by this Grand Chapter against her recusant subordinates and their members is hereby re-affirmed, and all those true to their allegiance are required to take due notice thereof, and act accordingly.

The resolutions do not seem to be very consistent with the declaration made in the report of the Committee, that their fealty to the General Grand Chapter "remains unchanged," and that they "intend to maintain our fealty."

From this last document it would seem that, as between the Grand Chapter of Maryland and that of the District, the difficulty is as far from being settled as ever; nor do we believe it ever will be till a different spirit is manifested than this document indicates. There is not the least spirit of concession, but a seeming determined purpose to maintain its own position at all hazards. We fear that our Companions there have forgotten that "a soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger."

MINNESOTA.

The seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State was held at St. Paul on the 21st of October, 1867, M.E. Comp. B. F. Smith, Grand High Priest, presiding, and ten Chapters represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is mostly occupied with a detailed account of his official acts, and contains but little of general interest. We quote the following recommendation which might well be adopted by all our Grand Chapters: —

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"I would respectfully recommend, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to collect and publish, with the printed Proceedings, all decisions made by the Grand Chapter, and resolutions now in force, for the benefit of subordinate Chapters, and thus avoid the frequent applications for decisions by the Grand High Priest. In a majority of cases the Grand Chapter as well as the Grand High Priest, has decided the same points. Once decided, that decision should stand, as law, until reversed, and those decisions be in the reach of all who are expected to be governed thereby."

The Grand High Priest rules that substitutes may be used in the Royal Arch Degree. What a pity that there cannot be some uniform rule adopted by all the Grand Chapters upon this subject. He also calls attention to the Past Master's Degree, and from some passages here and elsewhere in his address, it would appear that there is a great want of uniformity in the work of the Chapters of that State.

He speaks of the year having been one of great prosperity to Capitular Masonry in that State, giving cause for rejoicing at the prospect of their future success.

The following extract is too good to be passed over, and we therefore copy: —

"Not a discordant sound has been heard throughout our jurisdiction; harmony and good will has prevailed in all our Chapters (so far as I am advised) our numbers have been increased, and proper care observed in the admission of applicants, and their qualifications carefully scrutinized. These prudent precautions must produce a healthy growth in this branch of Masonry. In order to secure and perpetuate these blessings and future prosperity, our Council Chambers must be dedicated to the Royal Art, pure and free from the contaminating influences of vice and gross immorality. If necessary, let discipline be timely applied, and administered with strict justice and with firmness. Profanity and intemperance are as proper subjects of discipline as any other degrading or dishonest practices. He who professes reverence for God, and profanely calls upon the name of Jehovah, or he who addles his brain with strong drinks, and indulges in their accompanying degradations, is a disgrace to the honorable name of a Royal Arch Mason; better check these practices, if they exist, than permit the whole membership to become disgraced, or at least the feeble and weak from becoming contaminated and seduced by the influences of unworthy members. Let us love and respect the ancient landmarks of 'morality, order, and propriety;' for the triumphs of the past we are mainly indebted to virtuous action; the success of the future depends no less on the same virtuous practices."

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Charters were granted for five new Chapters. Measures were also taken to secure greater uniformity of work, and much other business of local interest was transacted during its three or four days session.

There is no Report on Foreign Correspondence; nor do we find any return of membership or other statistics, except of exaltations, of which there appear to have been 152.

M.E. Comp. Luther Dearborn, of Faribault, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. W. S. Combs, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, Oct. 9, 1868. R.E. Comp. Martin Collins, Deputy Grand High Priest, in the absence of the Grand High Priest, presiding, with eighteen Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest seems to have been absent during the year, and the duties of the office have been mostly devolved upon Deputy Grand High Priest Collins, who presented an able and interesting report in which he says: —

"We have abundant reasons to rejoice in the prosperous condition of Capitular Masonry, and I take the present occasion to congratulate the Companions throughout the State on the zeal manifested in carrying on the work, and the steadfastness with which they have held to our ancient landmarks. It has not been deemed necessary to issue edicts to the workmen in pursuance of our great design. Every one has been found diligent to 'observe and preserve' the important lessons taught in the first temple; and all knowing the law, have been satisfied to abide by the law."

The following paragraphs also seem of such interest that we quote: —

"The especial province of Royal Arch Masonry is to rebuild, and it is peculiarly adapted to the present condition of society in our State. The Commonwealth itself is rebuilding on the site of its first structure; the workmen are clearing away the rubbish, and gathering materials from wrecks of many of our desolated homes and institutions. Royal Arch Masons are in possession of valuable rules and guides, which, if wisely applied, will exert a magical influence in restoring to thrift the waste places, and causing the desert to blossom as the rose.

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"Let us go forth among the ruins in the spirit of brotherly love, mindful of the injunctions we have received, and work diligently and zealously for the right, keeping fast hold of the memories that cluster round our former glory, and we may rest assured our labors will be rewarded. We may make valuable discoveries, as yet unknown to the Craft. Our Order will be potent far beyond the bounds of its mystic companionship, and our power will be the more revered because it is unseen. Under the benign influence of our time-honored principles the work of restoration will go steadily forward, and we may have the satisfaction of beholding 'the latter house even more glorious than the first,' and of realizing that in our efforts we have found peace.

"What is termed Royal Arch Masonry, in its intent and purpose, applies not only to the internal usages and government of the Chapter, but points with unerring finger to the preservation of harmony in social and civil affairs, and the restoration of what may have been lost by discord. It bids us to be up and doing; designates the spot where our toil is most needed, and will be productive of the most beneficial results.

"Masonic light can be of but little benefit hidden under a selfish individuality. It must cast its rays from the centre to the circumference in the circle of every Mason's influence to complete the measure of its effulgence, and to assert its benign origin.

"Missouri affords a wide field for the exercise of true masonic zeal and intelligence, and we have reason to believe that our band of earnest laborers is commensurate with the harvest to be gathered."

He pays a high and fitting tribute to the universally lamented Anthony O'Sullivan, for many years Grand Lecturer, Secretary of the Grand Chapter, and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in that State, and who died on the 11th of August, 1866. Fitting tributes are also paid to the memory of other Companions deceased during the year.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. George Frank Gouley. His criticisms upon the Proceedings, Addresses, and Reports of the other Grand Bodies are sharp, caustic, and unsparing, and, though in general we think his positions are right, again we cannot avoid the conclusion that we came to last year, that his own cutting remarks or political allusions are not always reflected to him in the same mirror that others are, or he would see that the same things he indulges in himself, he condemns in others. However, we fully agree with him in the established principles which he wants us all to live up to, that politics have no place in Masonry, and that in all our

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Bodies we should have no sections or sectional differences; and we would add that we also adopt fully that early masonic teaching which tells us, that "by the exercise of brotherly love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family — the high and low, rich and poor, — who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support, and protect each other. On this principal, Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." Does Comp. Gouley give us his hand on that?

Comp. Gouley comments at considerable length, and with his usual sharpness, on the subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia; but we think he misapprehends or was not in possession of some of the facts, which might, or might not, have influenced somewhat his conclusions.

The proceedings there have not exhibited that harmony and masonic bearing which we all wish could have obtained and actuated them all; but we regret that our Companion cannot on this as well as on other topics, exercise a little more charity in relation to acts and intentions of others, though we cannot doubt that he intends it all for good. As a specimen of the caustic pen with which Comp. Gouley writes, we quote the following from his concluding remarks: —

"A certain class dimit to escape dues, and of them we can only say that they 'cut their teeth on coin,' and never get weaned from the taste — they are joined to their idols and will be buried with them, first damned and then forgotten by the world. We hope the evil may rapidly grow less as we improve in fraternal relationship."

Twenty-five Chapters under Charter, and five under Dispensation, returned a membership of 1,367; exaltations, 272; admissions, 58; dimits, 114; deaths, 17; suspensions, 12; expulsions, 2; reinstatements, 11; rejections, 18. Increase of exaltations over previous year, 84; increase of membership, 222.

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M.E. Comp. Martin Collins, of Saint Louis, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

This Grand Chapter met in Annual Convocation, at Cincinnati, October 11, 1867, M.E. George Rex, Grand High Priest, presiding, with ninety-eight chartered Chapters, and two under Dispen sation, represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is mostly occupied with a recital of his official acts, and the District of Columbia matter. He takes the ground that the Grand Chapter of the District was legally formed; that it had the right and authority to enforce obedience to its laws and edicts from every Royal Arch Mason within the jurisdiction, and consequently to suspend Potomac Chapter; and that the General Grand High Priest had no right to interfere. He recommends such action on the part of that Grand Chapter "as will sustain the action of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and recognize the legal existence of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and the propriety of its action in regard to said Potomac Chapter."

We think Comp. Rex misapprehended the position of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, which, though it once gave consent to the Chapters of the District to withdraw and form a Grand Chapter, soon reversed its action, and has since opposed its every step, and sustained Potomac Chapter in its refusal to acknowledge the Grand Chapter of the District. Comp. Rex in his discussion of this subject states very clearly the questions involved, as follows: —

1. Of the right of a State Grand Chapter to authorize any number of its subordinate Chapters to sever their connection with such Grand Chapter, and form a new Grand Chapter with exclusive jurisdiction over a portion of its territory.

2. Of the legal existence of the Grand Chapter of said District of Columbia.

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3. Of the right of a Grand Chapter of a State or Territory to declare a Chapter working within its jurisdiction, under the authority of another Grand Chapter, clandestine, and interdict communication with it; and,

4. Of the right or power of the General Grand High Priest of said General Grand Chapter of the United States, under and by virtue of the powers enumerated in the Constitution of said General Grand Chapter, to annul the action of a State Grand Chapter.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. Howard Matthews, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included, somewhat at length, and in an able and impartial manner. We quote from his opening remarks: —

"To review such a mass of Proceedings would seem to be an arduous undertaking, but to us it has been indeed a labor of love. We can compare it to nothing more appropriately than to a stroll through a garden replete with most rare and beautiful flowers, whose rich and delicate perfume had filled the air, conferring pleasure and enjoyment upon every passer; while occasionally we would cross in our path a little *wormwood*, only to remind us of its *bitterness*. We have endeavored to cull for the entertainment and instruction of the Grand Chapter, a *bouquet* of the most beautiful of these flowers, rejecting such as possessed no superlative fragrance; leaving the wormwood to its bitterness trusting that, in a few years, at most, will die for want of *cultivation*.

"A number of interesting subjects are presented in these Proceedings, the most important of which is the General Grand Chapter, to which we refer in another part of this report.

"An interesting and important subject found *cropping* out in the Proceedings, is the necessity of requiring satisfactory proficiency in one degree before another is conferred. We hardly think an argument necessary to convince this Grand Chapter of the importance of this subject, The principle has been fully recognized and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, with the most flattering results, and we earnestly recommend it to the attention of the Grand Chapter.

"The use of 'substitutes' is another thing generally discussed, with some difference of practice.

"We are happy in being able to report, that, with one exception, all is in harmony and peace, and that Capitular Masonry in the United States was never in a more prosperous condition. Our Southern Companions are diligently and industriously engaged in reclaiming the waste places and rekindling their altar fires, and we trust that in a few years they may realize a degree of prosperity never before reached. With the exception of Arkansas, we have heard from all the Southern Grand Chapters. And with our Companions of the North, there is a manifest desire to reforge the silver chain of brotherly

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love which was broken by the war, and, forgetting the past, to be linked in perpetual amity with their Southern Companions in the future."

The review of Massachusetts is brief, but kind, and the report of our M.E. Comp. Kimball, on Foreign Correspondence, highly commended. In respect to the General Grand Chapter, after speaking of proposed amendments to the Constitution, he has the following, which so fully accords with our individual view, that we cannot forbear presenting it: —

"This proposed amendment is identically the same as that contained in the Constitution of 1853, which was modified to its present form in 1859, and it is an effort to regain supervision of the Grand Chapters. It seems to be a natural instinct in aggregated organizations to grasp for power; and should it be possible, although it is hardly probable, that the proposed amendment should pass, we should soon thereafter witness more exhorbitant demands. Does any one suppose for a moment that the Grand Chapter of Ohio is not *more* competent to legislate for the interests or welfare of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction than any Companions in New York, California, or elsewhere; or that they do not possess as much devotion or feality to the institution as they? Why, then, should we surrender to a foreign Body powers which we can exercise with more judgment ourselves? The same reasoning will apply with the same force to every other Grand Chapter. Then let us watch with jealousy these efforts to disturb the present status, convinced as we are, that under the regime as its exists, the various Grand Chapters are harmoniously and peacefully carrying forward the great objects for which they were established. We desire most earnestly to see the present General Grand Chapter continued, without any more powers, however, than it at present possesses. We believe its chief advantage is, that it enables the Companions of every section of our country to meet together periodically in social good fellowship, consult as to the general interests of the Institution, and around a common altar to renew their vows of brotherly love and affection.

"These attempts to increase the powers of the General Grand Chapter have already produced a great deal of restlessness on the part of several Grand Chapters, and we regret to see that some have signified, by resolution, that they have withdrawn. We trust, however, that these resolutions will be reconsidered, as has already been done by Indiana, and that at the session in 1868, to be held at St. Louis, every Grand Chapter in the United States will be represented.

"Come up, Companions of the East, South, West, and North, and, burying in obliviousness all remembrance of past differences, unite as constituent members of the General Grand Chapter, correcting any defects, if any there be, in its Constitution, so as to make it what it was intended to be — a blessing to Capitular Masonry.

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"We urge you to come to the next Triennial Meeting at St. Louis, even if you are determined that you will no longer continue in connection with the General Grand Body, and let there be a mingling of Companions that will cause the great masonic heart to thrill with pulsations of joy and harmony that shall be felt and cherished to the remotest limits of our wide spread country. So mote it be."

To the following we most heartily say, *So mote it be.*

"We desire to urge upon Grand Secretaries the importance of sending forward their Proceedings promptly and without fail. . . . . We would also suggest to Grand Secretaries the importance of preparing and presenting the statistics of Capitular Masonry in their jurisdictions, in order to arrive at the true condition of the Royal Craft."

A committee to whom the duty was assigned, pay a very fitting tribute to the memory of Comp. Platt Benedict, one of their oldest members and past officers, and a constant attendant, who died Oct. 26, 1866, being over ninety-one years of age; also one to the memory of Lewis Wright, a Past High Priest.

The Grand Chapter seems to have taken the same view of the District of Columbia matter that the Grand High Priest and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence did, and adopted the following resolutions: —

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter indorses the positions taken by the M. E. Grand High Priest in his address, and the Committee on Foreign Communications in their report, in relation to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter being thoroughly convinced of the legality of the organization of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, does now recognize it as a legal Grand Chapter and extend to it the right hand of brotherly love and friendly greeting.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

We are rather surprised that this Grand Chapter, acknowledging alliegance to the General Grand Chapter, should take such action, in the face of the edict of the General Grand High Priest. That it might express an opinion as to the questions involved,

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would seem natural and proper; but to proceed to recognize in this manner seems to us as a sort of defiance and act of insubordination; and that it would have been better to wait till the General Grand Chapter should have passed upon the question.

Six new Chapters were chartered, two Dispensations granted, and one continued.

We find the following decisions from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which were approved by the Grand Chapter:—

"After an applicant has received the degree of Mark Master, the ballot for the remaining degrees may be taken either at a Special or Stated Meeting, in open Lodge or Chapter of the degree to be conferred, and all the degrees may be conferred on the applicant on the same day. The mode of proceeding is as follows: The applicant having received the degree of Mark Master, a Lodge of Past Masters is opened, the ballot passed — if clear, the degree conferred, and the Lodge closed; and the same proceeding is had in the remaining degrees. A separate ballot is required for each degree.

"After a clear ballot, the fee deposited belongs to the Chapter, and should not be given up unless objection is made by a member, to conferring the degress on the applicant, in which case that fact and the name of the objector should be noted on the Journal, and the fee returned to the applicant. If the objection is withdrawn, the applicant is entitled to the degree upon again depositing the fee. The objection does not reconsider the ballot, it simply prevents it from operating.

"An applicant who, after a clear ballot in his favor, declines to receive the degrees, should not afterwards be permitted to receive them, unless his former action was based upon good and valid reasons."

M.E. George Rex, of Wooster, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. John D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

Chapters enrolled, 103; reported, 96; membership, 5,330; advanced, 950. Massachusetts with half the number of Chapters, has nearly as many members.

PENNSYLVANIA.

We have the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State, which still retains the word "Holy" as a part of its title, for the years, 1855, 1856, and 1857, covering three Annual and eleven

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Quarterly Convocations. At the first of these, February 20, appropriate notice was taken of the death of Past Grand High Priest, William Whitney. At the Convocation November 20, 1865, Comp. Samuel C. Perkins was elected Grand High Priest, and William H. Adams, Grand Secretary. At the Annual Convocation, December 27, the Grand Officers reported having granted Warrants for two new Chapters, and having applications for two others under consideration. At the Convocation February 19, 1866, the death of the Grand Secretary, William H. Adams, was announced, and feeling remarks made, and a committee appointed who, at the next Convocation, reported suitable resolutions, which were passed. At the Convocation in November, 1866, initiatory steps were taken to change the Constitution so as to make the fees to Grand Chapter as follows: —

For a warrant to constitute a Royal Arch Chapter, $75; Most Excellent Masters' Lodge, $50; Mark Masters' Lodge, $50; for each Royal Arch Mason made, $1.00; Most Excellent Master, 50 cents; Mark Master, 50 cents; membership in a Royal Arch Chapter, 40 cents; a Most Excellent and Mark Masters' Lodge, 40 cents.

"Provided that all Chapters and Most Excellent and Mark Masters' Lodges meeting more than ten miles distant from the city of Philadelphia, shall have an allowance of *twenty-five per centum* upon the annual dues and fees for conferring degrees; *and provided also,* that no Chapter or Lodge shall be required to pay annual dues upon any one of its members for more than one degree.

"3d. For Grand Chapter Certificates, each . . . $2 00."

An invitation from the Grand Lodge of Maryland to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of their new Masonic Temple at Baltimore, was declined, because in the words of the resolution adopted, "it is not in accordance with the customs and usages of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, for Royal Arch Masons to take part, as such, in any public ceremonies or processions." Comp. Samuel C. Perkins was re-elected Grand High Priest, and John Thomson, Grand Secretary. At the Annual

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Convocation in December 1866, the Grand High Priest conferred the Degree of Past High Priest on Comp. Henry A. Simms, Grand Scribe N. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and first officer of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, C.R., Ottawa. It would seem from their report, that a Grand High Priest can be installed in that jurisdiction only in the presence of Past High Priests, as all except such are requested to retire before the installation, and admitted afterwards. At the Convocation Aug. 1, 1867, a report on finances for the year, shows receipts for Warrants $252; dues from Chapters, $1,417.13; dues from Mark Lodges, $474; from interest, etc., $187.05. Total receipts, $2,330.18; expenditures, $2,183.74; balance of cash on hand, $1,154.28; while the item for interest shows quite an investment besides. At the Convocation Nov. 7, 1867, Comp. George Griscom was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Thomson, Grand Secretary. At the Convocation Dec. 27, 1867, Comp. William H. Allen, Chairman of Committee of Correspondence, presented a report, briefly, but discriminately, reviewing the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, from which we make the following extracts: —

"Since our last report, three years since, the return of peace has enabled us to receive the fraternal greetings of many Grand Chapters which were then shut out from communication with us by the iron cordon of war. We welcome them to our tabernacles and our hearts with that warm masonic sympathy which, during four weary years of strife and blood, we never ceased to feel. We have also the pleasure to congratulate our Companions of this jurisdiction and throughout the country, that the bitterness which marked too many of the published Addresses and Reports on Correspondence, both North and South, during the war and immediately after its close, is giving place to kindlier sentiments. Masons of all geograpical divisions and political creeds are realizing, as perhaps never before, that a Fraternity which encircles the globe and embraces humanity, must not bound its affections by degrees of latitude or longitude; and that the charity which suffers long and is kind, and which thinketh no evil, is as truly a masonic duty as that other kind of charity which raises a stricken brother from despair and soothes the cry of the orphan.

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"Our correspondence indicates a high degree of prosperity and harmony in a large majority of the Grand Chapters in the United States. Never before,

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in the history of Capitular Masonry, have such multitudes sought and gained admittance to our sanctuaries; and if sufficient precaution has been used in the selection of the materials which have been offered, we have no fear that the beauty of our edifice will be marred, nor its strength diminished. We are not of the number of those who deprecate the extension of Masonry, for if we believe what we profess, that the Institution is beneficial to mankind; that it is the friend of good morals and the handmaid of religion; that it promotes peace on earth and good will among men, we ought to greet with a hearty welcome all good men and true who seek to learn our mysteries, and are willing to practice the virtues which Masonry inculcates."

Of Massachusetts, he says: —

"We congratulate the Royal Craft on its condition in *Massachusetts*. The returns show a degree of prosperity not excelled in any jurisdiction. The Masons of that State have erected a new temple, which "for beauty and glory" surpasses that which was consumed by fire in 1864; but they still that there were treasures lost in the old which wealth cannot replace in the new."

From the address of Grand High Priest George Griscom, delivered after his installation at this Convocation, we make the following extract: —

"Never since its institution in Pennsylvania was the condition of Royal Arch Masonry so interesting as at present. The Order has entered on a career of great and unprecedented prosperity and is rapidly assuming the form of a power in the benign influences in the great commonwealth of Freemasonry throughout this vast nation."

From an address of Grand High Priest Samuel C. Perkins, Dec. 27, 1865, we copy —

"There are in this jurisdiction forty subordinate Chapters and three Mark Lodges. Six of these Chapters and all the Mark Lodges are located in the city of Philadelphia."

Also from an address by him, Dec. 27, 1866: —

"At the commencement of the present masonic year there were on the Register of the Grand Chapter forty-two subordinate Chapters and three Mark Lodges. There have been constituted, during the year, thirteen new Chapters, eleven of which have been constituted by the Grand High Priest in person."

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And from that of Dec. 27, 1867: —

"There are now upon the register of the Grand Chapter sixty subordinate Chapters (including three which have been constituted during the past year), and three Mark Lodges."

These extracts show the progress of the Order there during the three years reported, though it appears from the last report that some seven of these were delinquent in making their reports, some of them not having made any for several years. From this report we also learn that the Grand Chapter had an invested fund December, 1867, of $2,500; and $1,882.04, cash on hand.

The only statistics of membership, exaltations, etc., that we find, is in the report of the Committee of Correspondence, where we learn that in 45 Chapters reporting, the exaltations during the year were 876; membership, 3,780.

Comp. George Griscom, of Philadelphia, Grand High Priest, and Comp. John Thomson, Grand Secretary; but we find no clew to the residence of the latter, and only to that of the former, by a table of officers of various Grand Bodies in the report on Correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND.

We have the Proceedings of this Body, which styled itself "The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island, and Providence Plantations, United States of America," for the years 1866, 1867, and 1868, in one document, and we are glad to see that one of its first acts at the first of these Annual Convocations was to amend its Constitution so as to strike the word "Holy" from its title.

The first of these Annual Convocations was held at Providence, March 13, 1866, M.E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, presiding, and six Chapters represented. The Grand High Priest congratulates them on the return of peace since their last Annual Convocation, and says harmony has prevailed in their jurisdiction, and that the Chapters have prospered. He sees no

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necessity for a General Grand Chapter; thinks it was defunct previous to the Convocation at Columbus, in 1865: and says that a careful perusal of the Proceedings of that Convocation, which he calls an effort to recussitate it "fails to convince me (him) of the necessity of such a Body as the late General Grand Chapter, and I do not believe that the efforts to revive it will be successful," and wishes that, "having passed quietly to rest, its ashes may, out of respect to the fathers, remain undisturbed." We think our Companion will find it has more vitality than he supposes.

The business transacted seems to be only of a local character. Companions Thomas A. Doyle and Samuel B. Swan, both of Providence, were severally re-elected to the offices of Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence. Chapters five, and one under Dispensation; membership, 695; exaltations, 80; rejections, 22; dimitted, 2; expelled, 2; died, 7.

The Annual Convocation for 1867 was held March 12, M.E. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, presiding, with six Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is mostly in reference to matters of local rather than general interest, though in speaking of the General Grand Chapter, he says, that since the last Convocation, he had met M.E. John L. Lewis, General Grand High Priest, who expressed the deep regret, he, in common with the leading Royal Arch Masons of the Country, felt at the action of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island in reference to the General Grand Chapter, and expressed a desire to forward a communication upon the subject, which he was assured by Comp. Doyle, would be gladly received and fraternally considered, however much they might differ with them. He says, however, the communication was not received, and adds: —

"I regret that he has allowed the matter to go by, as I should have been glad to have laid before you an argument from so able a source, upon the necessity of a General Grand Chapter of the United States. During the years that have passed since the dissolution of the previous Body, nothing

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has occurred in this jurisdiction to warrant the belief that such an organization would be of the slightest use, and it would have been interesting, therefore, to know what could have been said in its favor by one so well qualified to plead for it."

We regret that such a communication was not made; and, if it had been, cannot but think our Companion's views might have been modified.

The Constitution was amended so as to reduce the fees paid by subordinates to the Grand Chapter on initiates from $5,00 to $2,00. Companions Doyle and Swan are again re-elected Grand High Priest and Secretary.

Chapters as last year — membership, 768; exaltations, 98; rejections, 23; died, 12. The rejections seem to us, both this year and last, in large proportions.

The Annual Convocation for 1868 was held March 10, M.E. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand High Priest, presiding. Nine Chapters (four of which are acting under Dispensation) were represented. The Grand High Priest, in his address, says: —

"The past year has been one of more than usual prosperity in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in our jurisdiction, and as we gather to-day, let us with grateful hearts remember the beneficent care of the Grand High Priest of the Universe, and render to Him our thanksgivings for the abundant mercies He has vouchsafed to us."

He also states that, notwithstanding the reduction of dues, the amount received from that source is sufficient to defray the expense of the Body, and the entire income of the invested funds may be added to the principal. Our Companions there certainly manage their affairs economically, even for their small jurisdiction. We quote the following paragraphs from the address: —

"If Charters are granted to the Chapters under Dispensation, I trust that before they are constituted, jewels may be furnished to the officers of this Body; in order that they may appear properly clothed on such important occasions.

"The organization of a Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia has led to much controversy among the Craft, in consequence of the interference of

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the officers of the so-called General Grand Chapter of the United States in attempting to sustain a subordinate Chapter of the District in its rebellion against the new Grand Chapter.

"I refrain from expressing any opinion upon the matters at issue, and suggest that the question be referred to a committee, with instructions to report their conclusions to the Grand High Priest for promulgation.

"Our relations with the several Grand Chapters of the country continue to be of the most fraternal character, and I regret that we have no Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report to you upon their proceedings."

The subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was subsequently referred to a committee, and the Grand High Priest empowered, if he thinks it expedient, on the report of this Committee, to recognize it.

A committee was appointed to procure a set of jewels, collars, sashes, and aprons, for the use of the Grand Chapter, which, up to this time, they seem to have been destitute of; and, as appears by the addresses of the Grand High Priest, its officers have been obliged to appear without any badge to distinguish them. A strange omission.

Subordinate chartered Chapters, 5; under Dispensation, 4; exaltations, 157; rejections, 24; died, 12; membership, 913. M.E. Comp. Thomas A. Doyle, of Providence, was, for the third time, re-elected Grand High Priest, making it his fourth year of service in this office. E. Comp. George H. Burnham, of Providence, was elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Greenville, Feb. 11 and 12, 1868, M.E. R. S. Bruns, Grand High Priest, in the chair, with sixteen Chapters represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his very able address, after alluding to the causes of thankfulness in the return of peace, and the regathering around "those altars to which their faith is pledged," says, —

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"We have gone through with terrible adversities, and our shrines have suffered spoliation and neglect.

"Much has been lost, no doubt; much has gone to decay among us; much is required to be done before we can rebuild our altars, and rekindle those sacred fires which have been suffered in too many places to go out. But there is encouragement in your presence, my companions — in your countenances — both of which declare for your zeal, and assure me of your co-operation in the good work of Capitular Masonry, in this our jurisdiction. You are still strong. You have numbers, and you have hope in degree with the earnestness and vitality of your faith.

"I congratulate you on our present assemblage, and on the general prospects, advance, and improvement in the growth to power and dignity of our Institution in all parts of the United States. This progress has been such as to hold forth grateful auguries and encouragement for perseverance in the struggle which is before us.

"In beholding the working industry of other Grand Chapters, we are stimulated to manly endeavors at work within our own. We have their example, and in that example itself there is sympathy. We have, besides, from all sister Grand Chapters, the assurance of this sympathy, which has been, not unfrequently, accompanied by expressions in deeds of love, which fully confirm all professions of language.

"I congratulate you once more on the reunion of a perfect brotherhood, a companionship throughout all foreign States, a reknitting of the four-fold cords of masonic bond, never, I trust, to be ruptured while society cherishes an immortal faith, or man a genuine human affection. Nor has the example of good working in sister jurisdictions been without its proper influence upon our own. Nor have the sympathies of Companions abroad failed to win their way to our hearts, encouraging our hopes, and prompting our zeal and industry.

"Cast down as we have been by fortune, we are emerging from our ruins. We have emerged, and already our altars, rescued from the wreck, have been restored, in most cases, to the high places which they occupied before.

"I am happy to report great improvement, during the last year, in the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in South Carolina. Some of the Chapters which had forfeited their Charters, have resumed their work; have recovered lost ground; are zealously striving to regain position; and are doing well.

"If I cannot report that the progress is great and commensurate with the just claims of the Order, I can at least confidently assert that it is in a sound and healthy progress, and one full of promise, as well in regard to the increase of working numbers as of working virtues."

He discusses at length the subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, and suggests the following queries: —

1. Has the Grand Chapter of a State a right to authorize a severance of

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its jurisdiction, and to authorize subordinate Chapters within its territory to constitute themselves an independent Grand Chapter, asserting exclusive jurisdiction over the territory thus separated from the State Grand Chapter' jurisdiction?

2. Can there be a Grand Chapter jurisdiction, having exclusive control within the District of Columbia?

3. Can a State Grand Chapter divest itself of all connection with a subordinate Chapter of its own creation, and deprive said Chapter of its Charter, where no cause of offence is given; where there is nothing recusant or insubordinate in its morals and conduct; and where the said Chapter itself insists upon maintaining its ancient original relations with the parent Grand Chapter?

4. Can a Grand Chapter of a State or Territory declare a Chapter clandestine which works within its jurisdiction under the authority of another State Grand Chapter, especially when the latter was established before the former?

5. What is the rightful authority of the General Grand High Priest under the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, to annul the action of a State Grand Chapter, and declare a Grand Chapter, however constituted, to be clandestine?

He argues that the Grand Chapter of Maryland should never have listened to the application of the Chapters of the District for the formation of a Grand Chapter there; that no State has a right to sub-divide its territory and multiply Grand Chapters therein; that the territory belongs to Maryland; that soon the seat of the general Government will be removed West, and then the District will revert back to Maryland, when we should witness a conflict between the two Grand Chapters for existence. He alludes, in a touching manner, to the destitution in which the late war has left them. We quote: —

"In the destitution of our people as a whole, everywhere, in all sections, you will feel no surprise to learn that our treasury is penniless. We, too, are desolate. Our temples have been destroyed, our shrines violated, our jewels carried off or destroyed, and that you still seek the shrines of your worship, is in proof of the perfection of your faith. What are we to do? How repair our fortunes? How provide the means for the absolute expenses of our order? Our Companions appeal to us for succor, instead of remitting their dues. We cannot command, without difficulty, the small sum necessary to publish our Proceedings. I can give you no counsel how to proceed. Perhaps the subject should be confided to a committee, whose report may persuade the noble and generous, the wealthy and liberal Companions of

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more prosperous States to come to our aid, and assist us in the repair of our ruined temples, and in stimulating, by their aid and example, the feeble and the faltering, the much fearing and the little hoping of those who, in their very despair, still clutch at the horns of our altars.

"It may be that our condition, once made known to our more fortunate Companions elsewhere, will inspire their hearts with the love of the Samaritan, and they will lift us to our feet once more, and give us of the wine of hope, and feed us with the fine bread of love, hot from the oven of charity, which knows how to increase its store by a wise distribution of its contents."

The subsequent reports as to the finances, and appropriations made, we think, indicate a more hopeful and prosperous view of their financial condition than our good Companion's fears seem in the above to indicate. But I think we shall all be ready to lend a helping hand, if need requires.

A Charter for one new Chapter was granted at this meeting.

Comp. Andrew Ramsey was introduced and welcomed in a speech by the Grand High Priest as the representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and the correspondence between the Grand Bodies published; that of Scotland, asking that Comp. William Mann, Grand Scribe N. of the Supreme Chapter, and Senior Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, be appointed the representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina in the former Body, which it was voted be done.

The following resolutions were also passed: —

Resolved, unanimously, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina do respectfully and fraternally request the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England to nominate and appoint our true and worthy Companion, R. S. Bruns, M.E. Grand High Priest, as a Companion proper and suitable, from his eminent ability and high position, to represent that august Body near this jurisdiction; and that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England be respectfully and fraternally requested to name some member of their august Body, whom this Grand Royal Arch Chapter may nominate and appoint as its representative near the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England of the action of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

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The following letter, which explains itself, was read: —

BOSTON, 26th December, 1867.

To the M.E. Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina: —

COMPANIONS, — At the Quarterly Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held in Boston on the 10th instant, I presented the fraternal communication of your Grand Secretary of the 22d of July last, in which he expressed in your behalf his sincere congratulations at the renewal, after the lapse of five masonic years, of masonic intercourse between the Royal Arch Chapters of South Carolina and Massachusetts.

The communication was received with sincere pleasure, and I was unanimously requested to send a reply thereto.

The Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts deeply regret the sufferings and misfortunes which have befallen you, and heartily sympathize in the truly masonic sentiments so beautifully expressed by your Grand Secretary.

We rejoice that your troubles are, to some extent, ended, and that your temples will soon be rebuilt; the fires of incense rekindled on your altars; and peace, happiness, and content dwell again in your hearts.

Thus, as time rolls on, with what pleasure shall we all reflect that if Masonry was not able to prevent the "unsparing ravages of barbarous war," yet it alleviated, in individual cases, the horrors of the conflict, lightened the burdens of the captive, and bound up the wounds of the afflicted; and, as soon as the storm of passion had somewhat subsided, resumed its old position, and proved its wonderful influence by renewing, in their full strength, the old bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

Very truly and fraternally,

RICHARD BRIGGS,

Grand High Priest.

The report adds —

"Comp. R. S. Bruns, Grand High Priest, then expressed himself in the highest terms of Comp. Briggs, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts; his deep sympathy with us in our affliction, displayed, since the war, by many acts of fraternal kindness.

"On motion of Comp. H. Claremont Moses, —

"*Resolved*, unanimously, That the letter of Comp. Richard Briggs, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, be received with great approbation, and be entered upon the minutes and printed with the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was made by Comp. Montgomery Moses, and is a document of considerable length and ability, carefully prepared. He reviews the Proceedings of

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twenty-four Grand Chapters, but, we are sorry to say, ours is not among them. We hope they have not failed to receive our Report, though, from there being no notice of it, we fear they have. We make a few quotations from his concluding remarks: —

"The duty assigned your Committee has been rendered extremely pleasant by ascertaining, on reading the Proceedings of the different jurisdictions, that from all quarters of the United States there comes now but one cry, viz., to let the past few years be forgotten by Masons, and to go on in the noble work, regardless of political or private opinion. From some of our sister jurisdictions we have not heard for years, and when we turned to their Proceedings and saw some familiar name, a thrill of indescribable pleasure permeated through our whole system, and we could almost imagine we were face to face with them.

"From nearly every jurisdiction comes the welcome intelligence that Royal Arch Masonry is prospering, and we notice that efforts, almost universally, are being made to revive the standard of Royal Arch Masonry, and to make the work uniform.

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"Your Committee also hope, that this Grand Chapter will demand and insist that all candidates for the Royal Arch Degrees shall be perfect in the degrees of Symbolic Masonry; and, before the degrees are conferred, shall exhibit their proficiency by a rigid and strict examination in open Chapter. Your Committee regret to say that they have seen the Royal Arch Degrees conferred upon persons who could not even give the signs of recognition in use among Master Masons.

There are other jurisdictions in which the same might be said, and we wish such a rule were everywhere in force, as it ought o be.

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"To our sister Grand Chapters we again send a cordial and fraternal greeting, and we hope that the present year may be one of prosperity and blessing to the whole Royal Arch Craft.

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"Your Committee trust that they will not be considered as transcending the bounds allowed them, if they avail themselves of the present occasion to speak, in terms of love, the words of admonition, —

"Let us continue in the exercise of every virtue, so that we may adorn our Order, and Masonry be exalted by the perfection of its work.

"The practice of charity and the exercise of hospitality among the patriarchs; the precepts of the prophets, and the conduct of the holy men of the earlier ages, concur in teaching us the necessity of practising the cardinal

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virtues. It assures happiness on earth and gives the delightful hope of reward hereafter. The time allotted to man is of short duration and of uncertain tenure. Let us then embrace every opportunity conducive to good action. Let us pour the oil of comfort in the cup of sorrow, and extend the arm of sympathy in healing affliction. To the performance of this duty we are actuated by that compassion which is implanted in our hearts; as far, indeed, as it is engrafted in us, it is mere instinct; but when we cultivate and cherish it, 'till we love mercy — when we dwell upon every tender sentiment that opens our mind and enlarges our heart, then it becomes a virtue. True benevolence, extensive as the sun, embraces all mankind; to grasp, then, the whole system of reasonable beings, with an overflowing love, is to possess the greatest of all earthly enjoyments; is to approach the happiness of higher natures, and anticipate the joy treasured in heaven. The man who has cherished each generous and liberal movement of the soul, with a head ever studious to contrive, a heart ever willing to promote, and a hand ever ready to contribute to the good of his fellow-creatures, *must* be rewarded in a world to come. The riches which we have given away will abide with us forever, and the same feelings of love will accompany us to realms of bliss eternal.

"Guard well the portals of the tabernacle; let none but the true and well tried gain admission, so that no rude or sacrilegious hand may desecrate its altars.

"Let us adhere to our ancient landmarks, and indignantly frown down every attempt at innovation; for when once permitted, its step is onward, its course progressive. Suffer not a single tile to be removed from the arch; but keep it cemented and strengthened by our love and devotion, so that when time shall engulf everything in its insatiable vortex, our temple rebuilt and dedicated to God, to virtue, and humanity, rearing its towering height almost to heaven itself, shall stand unhurt "amid the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds.' Yes! '*Holiness to the Lord*,' be our exulting strain, and while we shout hosannas in his praise, let us ever be mindful to obtain his blessings and love, for his unbounded mercy is not circumscribed by limits, but is extended alike to the high and the humble.

"It was not from the crown of the lofty cedar, but out of the lowly thorn-bush, that the Eternal revealed himself to his chosen messenger, to teach mankind humility, and symbolically to announce unto all times and unto all men the destiny of his people. Lo! the bush is burning, but is never consumed."

Returns from twenty Chapters show a membership of 674; exaltations, 137; affiliations, 17; dismissions, 18; suspensions, 19; expulsions, 3; deaths, 11.

M.E. Comp. Robert S. Bruns, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and R.E. Ebenezer Thayer, of Charleston, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Nashville, September 30, 1868, M.E. Townsend A. Thomas, Grand High Priest, presiding. The address of the Grand High Priest is a well written and practical document. He dwells upon the want of uniformity of work, and recommends the appointment of a Committee to meet and agree upon the true work, and after their report shall have been acted upon by the Grand Chapter, the appointment of Grand Lecturers to disseminate it; and this recommendation was subsequently adopted. He spoke of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, which he attended, and congratulates the Companions upon its result, and especially in regard to its action in reference to the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia. He adds:—

"Before leaving the subject of attendance at St. Louis, I must be allowed to say, that the thanks of the Fraternity of this jurisdiction are due to the Masons of Missouri for their kind disposition and efforts made to bring the brotherhood from every part of our expanded country, in order that they might commingle together, and show to the world 'how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' The occasion was the most brilliant, and the hospitality the most magnificent, ever witnessed in this country; in a word, it was a grand success, one that should be ever kindly remembered by those present."

The Grand High Priest granted Dispensations for eight new Chapters during the year, all of which were chartered at this meeting, and Dispensations granted to three others.

Appropriate notice is taken of the death of M.E. Comp. Charles A. Fuller, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest, and a high compliment paid to his worth and memory. The Grand Chapter was called together to attend his funeral.

From the report of the Committee on Appeals, who "congratulate the Grand Chapter on the fact that nothing has been presented for their action, that no appeals had been taken, and no grievances made known," it would appear that harmony prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

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The Grand Chapter of Nebraska, lately organized, received a hearty recognition.

The following preamble and resolution were passed: —

Whereas, The system of representation of Masonic Grand Bodies, by Representatives at or near the Grand Easts of Sister Grand Bodies, is one eminently calculated to promote the growth of friendship, and unite more closely the bond of love between the brethren.

Be it Resolved, That the said system of representation be adopted by the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, and the M.E. Grand High Priest is authorized to inaugurate the system by making appointments of Representatives of this Grand Chapter at such Grand Chapters as may seem desirable or expedient, and request a reciprocation of the action.

Among the acts of the Grand Chapter at this session was a formal call on the widow of Ex-President Polk to pay her its respects, a Committee having first been appointed to confer with her in reference to it.

A resolution was passed requesting the Grand High Priest —

"Not to grant Dispensations to new Chapters (upon the *ex parte* representations of those interested) during the interval between the meetings of the Grand Chapter, as it is, is liable to much abuse, and cannot be too strictly guarded against in order to prevent the too great multiplicity of Chapters."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in by Comp. George S. Blackie, M.D., who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters in a kind and impartial manner.

It is principally made up of extracts, and a brief synopsis of important acts bearing on the general welfare, with occasional brief comments made with good judgment. In his report of Massachusetts, he has the following, containing some hints it might be well for us to heed and profit by: —

"There is no Grand High Priest's address, but the Report on Foreign Correspondence is a very lengthy document of great merit. It reviews the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters, including ours of 1866, and is a most kind and fraternal, and, at the same time, an impartial and discriminat-

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ing paper; but the Proceedings show no record that it was even presented to the Convocation, or adopted by the Grand Chapter. The statistics are meagre, but we find there are 41 Chapters, 4,588 members, and 742 exaltations Altogether, Massachusetts has the most unsatisfactory compiler of statistics. We cannot learn the number of admissions, dimittals, deaths, expulsions, or suspensions; and he never foots up his columns After the hint he got a couple of years ago from the New Hampshire Committee, we expected better things But as the Grand Chapter only pays the Grand Secretary the shabby sum of fifty dollars a year, and yet spends $883.07 on banquets, we feel sorry for him, and excuse him. The addresses of the Grand Officers are not given. Their names are M.E. Richard Briggs, Grand High Priest, and E. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary."

From his conclusion we copy the following words: —

"We have thus presented, in as concise a form as seemed expedient, considering the importance of the work, the results of the deliberations of our Companions in the various Grand Chapters of our country. We have advanced but few opinions of our own, as we deemed it well to keep our youth and inexperience in the back ground; but we have presented such extracts from the sayings of old and wise heads as will ensure a permanent value to our work. The labor has indeed been a pleasing one to us, as we have been drawn closer in contact with the master spirits of the masonic world, and have sipped at the fountains of their wisdom and experience. Should we ever again be called upon to perform this duty, we have learned how to perform it more satisfactorily to ourselves, and how to secure its greater attractiveness to others.

"Companions, Royal Arch Masonry is prospering; it is your duty to see that it continues to do so. Keep up its character. Watch yourselves. Shun the very appearance of evil.

"All is well in our Order, except this truly distressing trouble in Maryland and the Federal District. Let us hope that ere you read these pages, this matter may be at rest forever, and peace and harmony be prevalent.

"Many loved and noble Companions have passed away from this earthly scene since our last assembling, and gone on to join in that countless host which ever presses to the gateways of the universal necropolis. All along our paths are scattered monuments of those who have fought and fallen, the grass beneath our feet is greener with the tears spread over the departed. Man cometh and goeth as a shadow; he continueth not, but is cut down like the grass of the field. Every day we hear of some we loved who has gone before, and whom we shall see again no more for ever. The heart that is fullest and saddest often knows not the luxury of a tear, but the gash is made deep in its bleeding substance, and the whole gaiety of life is saddened and overshadowed. But we, who have studied the symbolism of the sprig of acacia, and who have learned the meaning of the mysterious Name which

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was uttered from the midst of the bush, need not fear. We know it is for but a little. We will go to them, though they cannot come to us. Let us thank a kind and loving God for all those who have departed this life in His faith and fear, and ask for grace so to follow their good example, that for us death will have no horror, and the grave will be swallowed up in victory."

Returns from seventy-three Chapters show a membership of 3,551; exaltations, 451; admissions, 37; withdrawals, 143; suspensions, 12; expulsions, 5; deaths, 38.

M.E. William Maxwell, of Maxville, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. John Frizzell, of Nashville, re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

This Grand Chapter held its nineteenth Annual Convocation at Houston June 8–12, 1868, M.E. F. B. Sexton, Grand High Priest, presiding, with forty-two Chapters represented. From the opening of the address of the Grand High Priest, we copy the following, sad in its recital, but illustrating the principles and benefits of the Order in its care for the needy and distressed: —

"COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, — The year which has passed since we closed our last Grand Annual Convocation is one of sad memories. But little has occurred in the history of Masonry, or the country in which we live, especially calculated to cheer or encourage us in the weary pilgrimage of life.

"We have, however, cause for humble and profound gratitude to the 'Great I Am,' in that we have been allowed to assemble under circum stances as favorable as we find them, to legislate for the welfare of the Royal Craft, whose main designs, we should remember, are to afford support and consolation to those in sorrow, relief to those in distress, and to disseminate peace and good will among men.

"Next to gratitude to God for His mercy in sparing our own lives, and permitting so many of us to assemble around the altar of our Grand Chapter, we should remember in affectionate sympathy and kindness those who have been visited by suffering and distress. Soon after the close of our last Annual Convocation, the city in which we met, her sister, the 'Island City,' all our gulf shore, and many of our interior villages, were severely scourged by the death angel. Our R.E. Grand Secretary, in connection with our official correspondence, gave me a sad account of the ravages of the fever in this

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city and Galveston. In visiting and nursing the sick, in burying the dead, in administering consolation to the bereaved, in caring for the widows and orphans, all the high professions and regular teachings of Masonry were, while the epidemic prevailed, called into daily and hourly exercise. I am glad to have been assured that our Brethren and Companions exemplified them faithfully. Many of our Companions were called away from earth, and I trust have realized everlasting peace in Heaven. We should keep their virtues and good conduct in remembrance, and faithfully discharge the duties we owe their families.

"This Grand Chapter is especially called to mourn the loss of one of its oldest, most worthy, and faithful members and officers. Past Grand High Priest Henry R. Cartmell died, at his home in Washington county, in March last. Companion Cartmell was remarkable for the purity and simplicity of his motives, and for the earnestness with which he pursued whatever he undertoook. He made no exertion to secure distinctions among men. He was a good citizen, a faithful friend, an industrious, honest man, a devoted and worthy Mason. In his character we may find much to imitate and but little to disapprove. Let us honor his memory, and so live that when our 'summons comes to join the innumerable caravan' we may, like him, pass peacefully 'where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

From the following extract it would appear that the Chapters in that jurisdiction are far from being in a prosperous condition: —

"From all the information I have received during the year, I am satisfied that there is much apathy among the Chapters subordinate to this jurisdiction. Many of them only meet often enough to prevent a forfeiture of their Charters, and do that with difficulry. This is to be attributed 'partly' to the impoverished condition of the country, and partly to the political oppression we are enduring. It is to be regretted on many accounts. It can only be overcome by a steady and constant exercise of those truly masonic virtues, 'patience, fortitude, forbearance." As Royal Arch Masons we have traveled the 'rugged path of trial' to little purpose if we have not learned to grow strong under adversity, and to stand by the 'truth' in the midst of danger."

The following extract from the closing part of his address, draws a sad picture of the state of things there, and one which certainly demands our most earnest sympathy: —

"My Companions all, never was there such a field for the exercise of all the masonic virtues as is to be found in the times and circumstances which now surround us. Never within the recollection of any of us were the signs of the time so unpromising. We are in the midst of public disorder and private embarrassment. Old foundations seem to be broken up."

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"All that is venerable and all that is practical and useful, not merely in government, but in religion, in society, in morals, seems about to be swept away in the confusion of radicalism, metaphysical abstractions and foolish idealism. Masonry is threatened from the same sources. Material prosperity too seems to have well-nigh forsaken the country, and every exertion made to better our condition seems to make it worse. The vista of the future opens up no cheering prospect. *All is night without.* Our people, our brethren and companions especially, are depressed and stricken down by disappointment, misfortune, poverty, and sorrow. Masonry can do nothing against the outside storm which is furiously howling and raging around us. Such is not the mission of Masonry. The storm must rage on till its force is spent. We must labor and wait. But we can help one another. Let us do this. If we find a brother in the midst of this storm without food or shelter, let us help him. If we find one whose head is bowed and cheeks furrowed with the agony of heart heaviness — oh! my companions, we frequently know not how high private sorrow and care pile up their load on the hearts of our companions — let us help him. Let us smooth his path. We shall smooth our own thereby."

The Report of the Grand Treasurer also gives an unfavorable account of the finances, — their funds, to the amount of some $5,000, being nearly all in notes, many of them of very doubtful value. The Proceedings also show most of the Chapters to be in a sad condition financially. A Charter was granted to one new Chapter, which seems to afford a ray of light. Suitable resolutions were passed in reference to the death of Past High Priest James L. Green.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. A. S. Richardson, and is a brief and fraternal review of the Proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, but we regret that Massachusetts is not one of them. What can be the reason that so many of the Grand Bodies fail to get our Reports and we theirs? Surely it is no want of fraternal feeling, and we are assured by our Grand Secretary that he has regularly sent copies to each Corresponding Grand Chapter, and the last year took especial pains to send three copies to each according to the last address of Grand Officers in our possession. Comp. Richardson kindly says: —

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"We should have been pleased to have exchanged greetings with the Companions of Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Minnesota, Oregon, Kentucky, and Georgia, but were not in possession of their Proceedings."

He closes with the following: —

"Prominent among the subjects likely to be of interest to this Grand Body are the questions involved in the organization of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia, the attitude of General Grand Chapter towards the State Grand Chapters, and incidentally towards ourselves, the gradual but perceptible softening down of the asperities growing out of the war, and the relations existing between Capitular and Cryptic Masonry — all of them subjects of interest, and some of them indicative, we fear, of trouble in the future.

"On the whole, however, we have been deeply impressed with the abounding evidences of prosperity, which, notwithstanding the untoward circumstances of the past few years, has, with one or two exceptions, been exhibited to us through the portals of each Grand Chapter.

"Would that, in closing our labors, we could have pointed to the serried columns with which the various Grand Bodies entered upon the year's work, still unbroken by the shaft of the great leveler, still marching onward, shoulder to shoulder, in their noble and glorious warfare. But it was not so to be. 'In the midst of life we are in death.' All along the way are scattered green mounds, where the grass is fresh with the watering of tears. Monuments to the loved and lost, milestones in life's journey, on which the inscription '*passing away*' admonishes us 'to work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.' From the records of most of our sister jurisdictions we gather the names of those who have gone to swell the innumerable multitudes which throng the silent halls of the great necropolis. Their footprints are fast being covered by the drifting dust, and 'the places which knew them will know them no more forever.'

"To such a destiny, Companions, we are all fast hastening. Then let us improve the passing moment as it flies, garner the sunshine of each fleeting hour, and so live, and so labor, that when our work is ended there will be nothing in the retrospect of which we need be ashamed. So doing, we can, with an approving conscience, float down the tide of time to the evening of life, whose signal-lights will, by each of us, ere long, be seen swinging where the waters are at rest and the storms never beat."

Among the resolutions in force in that jurisdiction are the following, the necessity for the two former of which indicates perhaps that our Companions there have customs to contend against that we know less of, and we are very glad to see the stand taken by them. The latter also we believe to be a wise provision, and cannot but hope we shall ere long have a similar one: —

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Resolved, That the practice of working in Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, on the Lord's day, is highly reprehensible, and should be discontinued.

Resolved, That, whereas, profane swearing, gambling, and the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks are, by the 5th Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, section 25th, declared unmasonic; therefore, all Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, are hereby positively instructed not to confer the Chapter degrees upon any person addicted to either of these vices, he or they being unfit material for the Royal Arch Temple, whose corner stone is *Morality*, as taught by the Holy Bible, that Great Light in Masonry.

Resolved, That the subordinate Chapters be prohibited from conferring the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry on any but affiliated Master Masons.

We find no table of statistics, and therefore cannot give any information upon this point.

M.E. J. D. Giddings, of Brenham, was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Robert Brewster, of Houston, Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

This Body held its Triennial Convocation in the New Masonic Temple, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15–18, 1868, the General Grand High Priest, John L. Lewis, jr., presiding, and all the other officers present. The Committee on Credentials reported the following Grand Chapters represented, viz., Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, and District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin; and also representatives present from the District of Columbia, who were subsequently admitted. We copy from the excellent address of the General Grand High Priest, the following, which we believe will be of sufficient interest to all, to warrant it.

"EXCELLENT COMPANIONS,—Seventy years ago, in the quiet capital of the State of New York, on the banks of the lordly Hudson, just below where it receives its largest tributary, the National League of Royal Arch Masonry,

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the progenitor of this Body, was organized; and, having survived two generations of mankind, now assembles in Triennial Convocation in this great and growing city, which then was not, on the banks of the 'Father of Waters,' not far from the confluence of one of its mightiest tributary rivers.

"Fitting symbol is this, of this department of Freemasonry; the tiny rivulet flowing from its limpid fountain, denoting the individual Companion, merging its waters into the broader creek, the Chapter; the creek pouring its swelling stream into the tributary river, the State Grand Chapter; and that again pouring itself into the broader channel of the now majestic river, on whose bosom navies may ride, and have ridden — the National Grand Chapter. And yet in its jurisdictional and governmental features the analogy fails, for it is in this respect most like the giant oak of the forest, from the root of whose parent stem all life and vitality are derived, which nurtures the branches, then the clustering twigs and leaflets, and which, if stricken, every limb withers, and all its foliage shrivels and falls.

"Forever flowing be those streams, and brightly flashing be their waters, from the fountain of individual love and benevolence, till they leap in one broad volume into the ocean of humanity; forever verdant be that stately tree, 'gayly to bourgeon, and proudly to grow,' till it stands out like the monarch of the woods, breasting and braving the winds and the storms of the rolling centuries!

"Three-score and ten years are the traditional limit of the life of man, but are yet only an atom of space in the history of nations, or of aggregated communities like ours. Of the grand old spirits that assisted in the formation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, there is not to-day a solitary survivor; and yet the blazon of their renown is as bright, and their memory as fervently cherished, as though they were present to bestow their wonted patriarchal blessing. If I have aught for which to be grateful in my masonic life, it is in the recollection that in earlier and sunnier days, before the storm-clouds lowered and the thunder rolled upon the darkening pathway of existence, it was my privilege to sit at the feet of some of these wise and learned Gamaliels of our Craft as an humble, although it may be an unprofitable disciple. Be the recollection of their priceless services and their manly devotion, our re-animating guide and monitor as we gather here to-day; and may the Spirit of the living God, The Great Architect of the Universe, which inspired His devout worshipers in ancient days, in the infancy of art, to erect splendid and beautiful temples to His honor, be present to assist in our Chapter, to give light to our Councils, and to implant in our inmost hearts an earnest and increasing desire to preserve and perpetuate that which our fathers have transmitted to us of the good, the beautiful, and the true!

"Of all the Masonic Bodies which have had a rightful existence since the days of King Solomon, none has had such obstacles to encounter as this General Grand Chapter; and none, in the face of such impediments and resistance, have achieved more important and triumphant results. Most of us are followers of the banner of Beauseant — the banner of the Cross — to which we owe

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and render a life-long and fadeless devotion, deserved and just; and yet that grand old standard has scarcely won such victories as the ensign of Zerubabel, which has also the 'Lion of the Tribe of Judah' emblazoned upon its ample folds; and if it be that the trowel is wielded, as well as the sword, it is but to indicate that intellect and industry must contrive and build, that which courage and constancy will so faithfully guard.

"The design which the founders of this Body had in view commends itself both to our respect and affections. It was to combine and concentrate the united wisdom and labors of a great Fraternity in a cherished common cause, that we might all, through the length and breadth of the land, both teach and be taught; and that the distant portions of our great Fraternity in the nation might be brought into communion with each other as the attached members of one common family. And if such were the design when there were but seventeen States of the Union, of which thirteen were confined to the Atlantic sea-board, how vastly more important is it when twenty others have been added to the number, and the domain in which its labors are wrought is spread from ocean to ocean, and almost from the frigid to the torrid zone! The friends of this national Body are content to rest the whole argument in its favor upon this single position. They love to mingle thought and feeling with their distinguished and honored Companions of the several State jurisdictions; to look upon the faces and listen to the voices of the great master workmen of our time, whose distinguished abilities and unblemished worth are upon the tongues of our wide-spread brotherhood in every jurisdiction; and it is with a feeling of sadness and disappointment that we have gone out from our Convocations, missing the words of eloquence and wisdom from these Companions in the North and the South, the East and West, who at other times and in other places have added vigor and life to the public councils of the Craft. Although in our Stated Convocations in the past, but little may have been done in a spirit of rule, and certainly nothing in a spirit of misrule; yet who of us has not felt cheered and re-animated for his heart-work in our Fraternity by these commingling of spirit? And if, as it pains us to remember, we have met and parted to meet no more on earth with those whom we have thus learned to love and honor; with what deeper satisfaction and profounder reverence can we dwell upon the instructions of those whose accents shall never again fall upon our ears, but which yet linger in our memories like the swelling notes of some inspiring anthem whose cadences in by-gone years have enkindled within us a glow of loftier devotion! If enfeebled in body and burdened with distracting cares, some of us have traveled long weary miles half way across a continent, and yet so near its centre, to meet upon the banks of the Mississippi these honored and cherished Companions for the last time on earth, who will say that we are not richly repaid for the toil and sacrifice, if it be, that we but clasp hands and utter our farewells before the eventide? These thoughts may awaken saddened recollections, but such names as Ball, and O'Sullivan, and other mighty ones of the Craft, now passed away from us, will not soon be for gotten.

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"Beloved Companions! brethren and friends of other days, who have gone out from our fold, return once more to the old roof-tree! Beloved Companions, our brethren and friends in spirit, with whom we have communed often in spirit and affection, cast your lot with us in the coming time! We speak in no other spirit but that which distinguishes our Fraternity, for we have no selfish ends to accomplish. If you have judged that there were evils in our organization, assist in their correction; if good may be attained, come, and with a spirit of honest and hearty welcome we invite you to share it, now and evermore."

The difficulty in relation to the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, is presented, and the facts in the case recited, and he closes this subject with the following recommendation: —

"Authentic information has reached me that the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia has resolved to place itself under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and to be represented in this Triennial Convocation. If such be the fact, overlooking — nay, even forgetting — the past, I most cordially recommend its recognition, the irregularities in its formation being healed by your act, and its representatives admitted. The only point for which I have striven, not on my own behalf, but yours, the acknowledgement of the rightful jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, sinks all others into insignificance. But, on the other hand, I demand in justice that the Potomac Chapter be protected, its chartered rights as one of our constituents recognized, and its disciplined members fully restored."

The address closes with the following: —

"In glancing over the cherished record of the three past years, I have felt the most lively and grateful emotions in contemplating the steady, onward, triumphant march of the Fraternity. The Proceedings of the Grand Chapters, although containing no marked or striking events, have been full of interest, and it is to be hoped that the Committee on Correspondence may present us with an analysis of their transactions, which, from their high character, can not but be graphic and interesting. The interests of Royal Arch Masonry are very dear to me, for 'twas my earliest attachment, and although sickness and care and sorrow have delayed the work of the hands, they have stilled none of the throbbings of the heart.

"The greatest pain that I have felt is, that in a twenty years' struggle for peace, and in which I have beheld peace achieved in more than one Masonic Department, I should be compelled still to struggle for its accomplishment in a Fraternity like ours.

"But with a consciousness of upright intention, and with a firm belief in

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the purity and grandeur of the principles upon which Freemasonry is founded my courage does not wax faint, nor are my hopes desponding. When temples shall have crumbled into dust, and the Jerusalems of the earth shall have been leveled with the plains by the hand of devastation or footsteps of time, there will be a New Jerusalem, 'the child of the skies,' in which strife shall not enter nor sorrow be found; and the weary sojourner, having passed the veils of trial, be suffered unmolested forever to assist in rebuilding the temple and house of the Lord."

A proposition to amend the Constitution, so as to give greater powers to the General Grand Chapter, or to restore to it such powers as it had previous to 1859, when the Constitution was so altered as to curtail them — made by M.E. Comp. James M. Austin at the previous Triennial Convocation, was debated, and finally defeated, as was also another amendment proposed by Comp. S. H. Stone; and the Constitution stands without change.

The subject of a renewal or opening of relations between the General Grand Chapter and certain State Grand Chapters, having been referred to a Committee, they made a report which was recommitted with instructions, and, after amendment, was finally adopted, as follows: —

"The committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M. E. General Grand High Priest as relates to the renewal or opening of relations with Grand Chapters with this General Grand Body, which have been interrupted or prevented from any cause, would respectfully report, —

"That the M.E. Grand Chapters of Vermont, Rhode Island, Iowa, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, and Alabama, have assumed to withdraw from the jurisdiction of this Supreme Body.

"Originally, this Body was a National Grand Chapter, having jurisdiction over subordinate Chapters only. It then formed Deputy Grand Chapters, and continued to do so for several years, when it assumed the form of a General Grand Chapter, and State Grand Chapters were formed thenceforward.

"No Grand Chapters have been formed by any other authority within the United States, with the exception of those of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Florida, and Delaware.

"This Body holds the first-named Chapters of Vermont, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, and Iowa, subject to its jurisdiction, and is anxious that they set aside their acts of withdrawl, and return to their allegiance, and be represented here without the further action of this Supreme Body.

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"Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: —

"*Resolved*, That no State Grand Chapter, organized by the authority of this M.E. General Grand Body, or which at any time has become a constituent member of this Body, can lawfully sever its connection with the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America without its consent, but the allegiance of said Grand Chapters is inalienable and now due.

"*Resolved*, That the M.E. General Grand Council of this M.E. General Grand Chapter open correspondence with the Grand Chapters of Vermont, Rhode Island, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Kentucky, and Iowa, and to induce, if possible, such acts on their part as shall restore harmonious and fraternal relations as constituent members of this Body.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Florida, be requested to send delegates to the next Triennial Convocation of this M. E. General Grand Body, as a committee of conference to arrange terms of union, if practicable, with this M.E. General Grand Chapter."

The subject of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, which was referred to a Committee, elicited two reports, a majority and minority, one of which viewed the matter as belonging exclusively to the Grand Chapter of Maryland and her subordinates, and with which the General Grand Chapter had nothing to do, and proposing to dismiss the whole subject. The other report, which was finally, after considerable debate and motions to amend, adopted as it came from the Committee, was as follows: —

"A minority of the Committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the General Grand High Priest, as relates to the Grand Chapters of Maryland and the District of Columbia, respectfully report, that, in their opinion, the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia by resolution adopted and published with their Proceedings, relinquished jurisdiction over Chapters in the District of Columbia, and a Grand Chapter having been formed from those Chapters, and being here present by their Grand Officers, and asking recognition by this General Grand Body, therefore, —

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia is hereby recognized as a regular Grand Chapter, and its officers entitled to seats in this General Grand Chapter.

"*Resolved*, That Potomac Chapter, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, not having united in the formation of said Grand Chapter, is now under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, but *without territorial jurisdiction* over candidates for the Capitular Degrees.

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"*Resolved,* That all acts of censure, suspension, or expulsion, growing out of the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, be declared null and void, and the Companions of the District of Columbia, who may have been in affiliation with Potomac Chapter be, and are hereby declared to be in good and regular standing as members of such Chapter."

Charters were granted for Chapters at Santa Fe, New Mexico; Virginia City, Nevada; Austin, Nevada; Idaho City, Idaho; Helena, Montana; also for one at Wilmington, Delaware, it appearing that there was then no Grand Chapter in that State, the one that formerly existed, as well as its subordinates, having long since ceased to act. Since then some of these subordinate Chapters having signified their desire to resume labor under the authiorty of the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand High Priest has granted the authority.

Requests for Dispensations for Chapters at Salt Lake City, and at Smyrna, Turkey, were presented and referred to the General Grand High Priest for his action.

It was voted that the next Triennial Convocation be held at Baltimore, Md., on the third Tuesday of September, 1871.

The following were elected the General Grand Officers for the ensuing three years: —

Comp. JAMES M. AUSTIN, New York . . . G. Grand High Priest.
Comp. ROBT. STEWART BRUNS, Charleston, S.C., D.G. Grand High Priest.
Comp. WILLIAM HACKER, Indianapolis, Ind. G. Grand King.
Comp. MARTIN COLLINS, St. Louis, Mo. . . G. Grand Scribe.
Comp. JOHN MCCLELLAN, Boston, Mass. . . G. Grand Treasurer.
Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL, Cincinnati, O. . G. Grand Secretary.
Comp. ISAAC S. TITUS, Placerville, Cal. . . G. Grand Capt. of Host.
Comp. ORLIN H. MINER, Springfield, Ill. . . G. Grand Royal Arch Capt.

We must not leave this subject without referring to the munificent hospitality extended to the Fraternity by the Missouri Companions. And first let us present the following resolutions of hospitality passed by the City Council of St. Louis, with the response of the General Grand Chapter, and which we have reserved to this time, that we might add some comments in connection with it.

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ST. LOUIS, Aug. 4, 1868.

TO THE MASONIC ORDER,—

At a meeting of the City Council of St. Louis, Missouri, in *Special Session* assembled, the following preamble and resolutions were presented by Councillor Charles A. Mantz, viz: —

Whereas, The City of St. Louis having been selected by the High, Ancient and Honorable Masonic Bodies of the United States of America, known as the "Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States," "General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States," and "Supreme Council A. and A. Rite, Southern Jurisdiction," at which to hold their next Convocation, on the second Tuesday of September next, 1868; therefore be it —

Resolved, By the City Council of the City of St. Louis, that the hospitalities of the city be extended to the Bodies above-named, individually and collectively, and that the authorities of the corporation, as well as the citizens generally, be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to show to the distinguished and honorable visitors during their brief sojourn in our city, such marks of consideration and esteem as has always characterised the inhabitants and people of St. Louis in their entertainment of friends and visitors, and for which they are so properly complimented at home and abroad.

The following response was subsequently unanimously passed by the General Grand Chapter: —

Resolved, That the cordial and most heartfelt thanks of this General Grand Chapter be, and are hereby gratefully tendered to the Mayor and Common Council of the city of St. Louis; to its citizens generally, and to the Masonic Fraternity of the State of Missouri, for their generous and unbounded hospitality, for their unwearied attentions to our comfort and convenience during the present Convocation, and for their courtesy and good will extended to us on every occasion; and that the remembrance of their kindness will ever live in our memories.

The resolutions passed by the City Council were but a foreshadowing of what was to come. The citizens all seemed to vie with one another to see which could show the most attention, and everywhere we were met with marked kindness, to which no account could do justice.

The Companions were unsparing in their efforts to provide everything in the way of physical comfort and fraternal enjoyment. Daily banquets, with the tables loaded with the choicest viands, fruits, etc., were provided, and to crown all, a steamboat

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excursion was gotten up, three of the largest steamers on the river chartered, and the whole party, with Masons and ladies from that vicinity, accompanied by bands of music, were treated to a sail up the river, past the city, and then down to Jefferson Barracks, where we were welcomed with a salute from the guns of the United States troops stationed there, and where all landed and were received by the commander of the post in a more kind and cordial manner. Two or three hours were spent in promenading, witnessing a dress parade of the troops, listening to the splendid music, and, in social intercourse, cultivating acquaintance, etc. On the return, perhaps, that we might not fail to see this important phase of western river life, one of the steamboats ran against a snag, and was run into shallow water, where she soon sank; one of the other boats safely taking off all her passengers before many on board knew anything was the matter. They promised next time to "blow up" one for us. In short, everything was done that could be to make the stay pleasant, and our Missouri Companions deserve the warmest thanks of the Fraternity throughout the country for their hospitality, attention, and the opportunities thus afforded for fraternal intercourse. Conspicuous among the rest for his attentions was Grand High Priest, Martin Collins.

We went to St. Louis, not prepossessed in favor of the General Grand Chapter. We came away fully convinced of its usefulness. If nothing else were accomplished, the kind and fraternal feelings engendered by such a commingling with the Companions from every part of the country, the better acquaintance obtained with one another, with its tendency to correct wrong notions and ideas as to the feelings of different parts of the country towards each other, etc., doubly repay its cost. Some whom we have looked upon with distrust, we find to be true men at heart, and learn to respect and love them, finding that, after all, though we may have differed with them, those differences were honest ones of opinion, and that we are each aiming at the right. It is our serious conviction that the United States Government could well

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afford to pay the expense of such a gathering at least once a year, for the purpose of cultivating friendly relations between the different parts of the country, and restoring a true spirit of union and harmony; and we believe one such gathering will do more to establish a permanent peace and union, to correct false impressions, and to wipe out the bitter remembrance of past difficulties, than a whole year of legislation. And to this end we believe Masonry has already done more than all other agencies.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding, we have to regret that we are not in possession of the Proceedings of all our sister Grand Chapters. We assure them that copies of our Proceedings have been sent to them all; but we have failed to receive some, as it is probable also that some have failed to receive ours. Some are received and reviewed so long after the Convocations they report are held, that in the meantime changes may have occurred in their officers, and this may be one cause of failure. We wish to suggest that these reports in the future be put into the hands of the Committee as fast as received, that they may be reviewed at leisure, thus affording real pleasure to the reviewer, rather than making it such a labor as it must be when done under a pressure for time, amid the cares of business which hardly admit of an hour's interruption. By this course, also, the Committee would be enabled to know what Proceedings were lacking, in time to open correspondence with the sister Grand Chapters or their officers, and procure them, which we would recommend that he should do in all cases where he has not received them up to a certain time.

Were we to undertake to make up tables from the reports in our possession alone, they would be very imperfect, and, therefore, in the case of those Grand Chapters of which we have no reports, we again avail ourselves of such statistics as we find in the much fuller report of M.E. Comp Drummond, of Maine, and present the following table: —

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	No. of Subordinates.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions, etc.	Dimitted.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Suspensions non-pay't dues.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama	71	2577	234	66	176	0	5	202	37	11
Arkansas	45	1371	207	36	64	2	6	82	24	3
California	35	1546	206	39	125	0	0	35	11	11
Canada	29	1206	195	11	46	0	26	0	6	0
Connecticut	27	3066	374	12	17	2	1	0	42	0
District of Columbia	5	498	149	19	42	6	2	39	5	8
Florida	16	445	77	0	11	0	1	0	7	6
Georgia	50	1937	147	39	99	1	5	62	31	4
Illinois	111	5874	1150	88	215	11	23	0	48	107
Indiana	63	2282	488	64	118	7	28	0	29	0
Iowa	38	1378	448	37	78	3	16	21	14	0
Kansas	10	315	75	29	7	0	1	0	5	9
Kentucky	85	3701	457	60	161	3	42	0	40	31
Louisiana	25	1504	133	37	66	2	0	76	49	17
Maine	30	2210	400	0	31	0	1	0	26	36
Maryland, etc.	10	780	113	15	15	1	10	0	9	7
Masssachusetts	44	5005	619	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	57	3912	710	63	153	3	5	0	23	118
Minnesosta	14	0	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	89	2732	228	162	194	1	19	443	70	0
Missouri	30	1367	272	69	114	2	1	11	17	18
Nebraska	3	200	59	13	8	1	0	0	3	3
New Hampshire	12	1146	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	19	1118	215	0	43	1	6	18	12	0
New York	139	11560	2170	127	270	6	0	125	121	0
North Carolina	30	1434	50	23	29	3	0	0	15	9
Ohio	103	5330	950	80	219	8	41	52	48	7
Oregon	5	149	16	4	9	0	0	0	3	0
Pennsylvania	60	3786	876	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	9	913	157	0	0	0	0	0	12	24
South Carolina	20	674	137	17	18	3	19	0	11	0
Tennessee	73	3551	451	37	143	5	12	0	38	0
Texas	85	3500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	21	1313	275	0	40	1	3	0	12	0
Virginia	43	1564	0	1	0	1	0	114	26	0
Wisconsin	37	1946	358	33	101	3	25	0	11	47
Total	1543	81890	12732	1174	2522	76	298	1280	805	476

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GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.
Alabama	Peleg Brown, Mobile	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery	Palmer J. Pillans, Mobile.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber, Little Rock	William D. Blocher, Little Rock	S. W. Williams, Little Rock.
California	John W. Harville, San Francisco	Lawrence C. Owen, San Francisco	L. C. Owen.
Canada	T. Douglas Harrington, Ottawa	T. B. Harris, Hamilton, C.W.	James Seymour, St. Catharines.
Connecticut	James L. Gould, Bridgeport	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford	William Storer, Hartford.
District of Columbia	J. E. F. Holmead, Washington	Noble D. Larner, Washington	B. B. French, Washington.
Florida	David Jones, Lake City	Hugh A. Corley, Tallahassee	Hugh A. Corley.
Georgia	Samuel Lawrence, Marietta	B. B. Russell, Augusta, Box 306	J. Emmett Blackshear, Macon.
Illinois	George W. Lininger, Peru	H. G. Reynolds, Springfield	H. G. Reynolds.
Indiana	T. Newby, Cambridge City	William Hacker, Indianapolis	Thomas Newby.
Iowa	H. H. Hemmenway, Lansing	William B. Langridge, Muscatine	E. A. Guilbert, Dubuque.
Kansas	R. R. Rees, Leavenworth	E. T. Carr, Leavenworth	E. T. Carr.
Kentucky	Richard G. Hawkins, Louisville	Phillip Swigert, Frankf't, F'nklin Co.,	A. G. Hodges, Frankfort.
Louisiana	Samuel M. Todd, New Orleans	James C. Batchelor, M.D., N. Orleans,	Joseph P. Horner, New Orleans.
Maryl'd & Dist. Columbia,	John L. Yeates, M.D., Baltimore	William A. Wentz, Baltimore	E. L. Stevens, Washington.
Maine	James M. Larrabee, Gardiner	Ira Berry, Portland.	Josiah H. Drummond, Portland.
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Michigan	George C. Munro, Jonesville	J. Eastman Johnson, Centreville	J. E. Johnson.
Minnesota	Luther Dearborn, Faribault	William S. Combs, St. Paul	A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul.
Mississippi	James O. Lusher, Hernando	Oscar T. Keeler, Columbus	William S. Patton, Meridan.
Missouri	Martin Collins, St. Louis	George Frank Gouley, St. Louis	George F. Gouley.
Nebraska	James W. Moore, Nebraska City	J. N. Wise, Plattsmouth	O. H. Irish, Nebraska City.
New Hampshire	Nathaniel W. Cumner, Manchester.	Horace Chase, Hopkinton	H. Chase.
New Jersey	J. V. Mattison, M.D., Washington.	John Woolverton, M.D., Trenton	Thomas J. Corson, M.D., Trenton.
New York	Seymour H. Stone, Syracuse	Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo	Joseph White, Cooperstown.
North Carolina	Alfred Martin, Wilmington	Thomas B. Carr, Wilmington	T. B. Carr.
Ohio	George Rex, Wooster	John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati	Howard Matthews, Cincinnati.
Oregon	B. F. Brown, Salem	Charles M. Cartwright, Salem	S. F. Chadwick, Portland.
Pennsylvania	George Griscom, Philadelphia	John Thomson, Philadelphia	
Rhode Island	Thomas A. Doyle, Providence	George H. Burnham, Providence	
South Carolina	R. S. Bruns, Charleston	Ebenezer Thayer, Charleston	Montgomery Moses, Sumter.
Tennessee	William Maxwell, Maxville	John Frizzell, Nashville	John Frizzel, Nashville.
Texas	J. D. Giddings, Brenham	Robert Brewster, Houston	A. S. Richardson, Houston.
Vermont	Charles A. Miles, Brattleboro'	John B. Hollenbeck, Burlington	Joshua Britton, Bradford.
Virginia	Edward H. Lane, Louisa, C. H.	John Dove, Richmond	William B. Isaacs, Richmond.
Wisconsin	A. V. H. Carpenter, Milwaukee	W. T. Palmer, Milwaukee	William H. Norris, Jr., Green Bay.

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From a perusal of this report one cannot fail to see that Royal Arch Masonry in this country is in an exceedingly prosperous and flourishing condition. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the broad expanse, the only discordant note coming from Maryland and the District of Columbia, where we hope for better things soon.

If the labor of preparing this report has been onerous, it has also afforded much pleasure, for one cannot read the Addresses, Reports, etc., contained in the Proceedings — coming thus in contact with the best minds in our noble Fraternity, among which are some of the ablest in the country — without having his perceptions quickened, his thoughts elevated, and his heart made better. To all these our friends, to whom we now come in this capacity for the last time, we say a kind adieu, and with it extend our hand to all the Royal Arch Craft in a fraternal greeting. May the Supreme Grand High Priest bless you and realize to you your best wishes and highest hopes. Our pen falls into able hands, and we shall hereafter, if spared, take great pleasure in perusing his and your productions.

To one and all, let us keep bright the chain that binds our hearts in willing, loving, masonic union; let us in our daily lives exemplify the teachings of our "Sublime Degrees," and so live here that the future shall realize our brightest anticipations.

Asking indulgence for the imperfections and crudities of our too hastily prepared report, it is

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

HENRY CHICKERING,

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts,

ELECTED OCTOBER 13, 1868.

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M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JONATHAN P. FOLSOM	Grand King.
E. CHARLES H. NORRIS	Grand Scribe.
E. Z. H. THOMAS, Jr	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. ALONZO C. BLETHIN,	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. DANIEL UPTON	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. JOSEPH C. WILLIAMS	Grand Master Third Veil.
E. JOHN A. LEE	Grand Master Second Veil.
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E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
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E. JOHN McCLELLAN, E. SOLON THORNTON, E. JOHN K. HALL,	Committee of Finance.
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN, E. SAMUEL MILLARD, E. THOMAS WATERMAN,	Committee of Charity.
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PAST OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr.	1798, 99, 1800.
*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1801, 2.
*Timothy Bigelow	1803, 4, 5.
*Isaiah Thomas	1806, 7, 8.
*Oliver Prescott	1809.
*James Dean Hopkins	1810, 11, 12.
*John Abbott	1813, 14, 15.
*Andrew Sigourney	1816, 17.
*James Prescott	1818, 19.
*Jonathan Gage	1820, 21, 22.
*Paul Dean	1823, 24, 25.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1826, 27, 28.
*Samuel Clark	1829, 30, 31.
*Josiah J. Fiske	1832, 33.
*Edward A. Raymond	1834, 35, 36.
*Simon W. Robinson	1837, 38, 39.
*John B. Hammatt	1840.
*Elijah Atherton	1841, 42, 43.
Thomas Tolman	1844, 45.
Charles W. Moore	1846, 47, 48.
*Benjamin Huntoon	1849, 50, 51.
*Stephen Lovell	1852, 53, 54.
Daniel Harwood	1855, 56.
Wendell Thornton Davis	1857.
John McClellan	1858.
James Kimball	1859, 60, 61.
Solon Thornton	1862, 63, 64.
Richard Briggs	1865, 66, 67.

*Deceased.

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PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1799, from April to Sept.
*Jonathan Gage	1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf	1800.
*Simon Eliot	1801, 2.
*Benjamin Russell	1803–8, 1816–20.
*Henry Fowle	1808–14.
*James C. King	1814–15.
*Samuel L. Knapp	1820.
*Paul Dean	1821–22.
*Augustus Peabody	1823–26.
*Benjamin Huntoon	1826–29.
*Robert Lash	1829–33.
Thomas Tolman	1833, 1841–44.
*Gardner Ruggles	1834–37.
*John B. Hammatt	1837–40.
*Elijah Atherton	1840.
*Elias Haskell	1844–45.
*Ruel Baker	1846–47.
Gilbert Nurse	1848.
Winslow Lewis, M.D.	1849.
*Stephen Lovell	1850–51.
Timothy Ingraham	1852.
E. M. P. Wells	1853.
Joseph Bedlow	1854.
Samuel K. Hutchinson	1855.
William R. Alger	1856.
Tracy P Cheever	1857.
*Isaac P. Seavy	1858.
Wyzeman Marshall	1859.
Solon Thornton	1860.
Richard Briggs	1861.
Albert H. Kirkham	1862.
John K. Hall	1863.
Caleb Rand	1864.
John W. Dadmun	1865.
Charles A. Welch	1866.
Benjamin Lewis	1867.

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PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1798.
*James Harrison	1799.
*William McKeen	1800.
*Charles Jackson	1801.
*Benjamin Russell	1802.
*Gilman White	1803–4.
*David Coffin, Jr.	1805.
*Amos Tappan	1806.
*Oliver Prescott	1807–8.
*William Woart	1809–10.
*John Abbott	1811–12.
*Samuel L. Knapp	1813–14.
*Henry Fowle	1815.
*James C. King	1816–17.
*Joseph Brown	1818.
*Robert Lash	1819.
*Caleb Butler	1820–22.
Henry Whipple	1823.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1824–25.
Richard S. Spofford	1826–28.
*Charles Train	1829–31.
*Edward A. Raymond	1832–33.
*William Whiting	1834–35.
*Simon W. Robinson	1836.
*Elijah Atherton	1837–40.
*Enoch Hobart	1840.
*John R. Bradford	1841–43.
Charles W. Moore	1844–45.
Gilbert Nurse	1846–47.
William Eaton	1848.
*Lucien B. Keith	1849.
Samuel Millard	1850–51.
John Flint	1852.
*James W. Crooks	1853
Ebenezer W. Tolman	1854.
*Jonathan G. Johnson	1855.
Wendell Thornton Davis	1856.
William Parkman	1857.
William H. L. Smith	1858.
William W. Baker	1859.

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*Sylvester Baxter	1860.
William S Shurtleff	1861.
Charles C. Dame	1862.
Henry Chickering	1863.
Albert E. Foth	1864.
David W. Crafts	1865.
Henry Endicott	1866.
Daniel W. Lawrence	1867.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*James Harrison	1798.
*Joshua Greenleaf	1799.
*Charles Jackson	1800.
*Benjamin Russell	1801.
*Stephen Howard	1802.
*Abraham Perkins	1803–4.
*Samuel A. Otis	1805.
*James Dean Hopkins	1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr.	1807–8.
*Thomas Jackson	1809.
*Sumner Barstow	1810.
*Henry Purkett	1811.
*Edward Turner	1812.
*Andrew Sigourney	1813–14.
*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.	1815.
*Joseph Brown	1816–17.
*Robert Lash	1818.
*James Morse	1819–20.
*Roswell Lee	1821.
*Daniel Baxter	1822.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1823.
*John James Loring	1824–25.
*Samuel Clark	1826–29.
*Charles Wells	1829–32.
*William Whiting	1833.
*Simon W. Robinson	1834–35.
*Elijah Atherton	1836.
*Enoch Hobart	1837–39.
*John R. Bradford	1840.
*Robert Keith	1841–43.
*Ruel Baker	1844–45.
*Joel Talbot	1846–47.

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*Lucien B. Keith	1848.
Samuel Millard	1849.
*Henry Earl	1850–51.
Jonas A. Marshall	1852.
*Horace Chenery	1853.
John McClellan	1854.
Abraham A. Dame	1855.
John Andrews	1856.
Joel Spalding	1857.
James Kimball	1858.
Henry Goddard	1859.
George Sherwin	1860.
George Talbot	1861.
Moses H. Fowler	1862.
John N. Pike	1863.
Wanton T. Drew	1864.
Marlborough Williams	1865.
Rufus S. Pope	1866.
Lyman B. Meston	1867.

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ABSTRACT

FROM THE

Returns of the Subordinate Chapters

FOR THE YEAR 1868,

WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5769.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Alfred F. Chapman	High Priest.
E. Charles W. Romney	King.
E. Jacob N. M. Clough	Scribe.
William S. Hills	Captain of the Host.
William F. Pierce	Principal Sojourner.
Joseph N. Pierce, Jr.	Royal Arch Captain.
John S. Sherburne	Master Third Veil.
Gideon T Mansfield	Master Second Veil.
Wooster B. Mayhew	Master First Veil.
John McClellan	Treasurer.
Thomas Waterman	Secretary.
Solon Thornton	Assistant Secretary.
Rev. John P. Robinson	Chaplain.
Edward A. White	Senior Steward.
Seranus Bowen	Junior Steward.
George H. Pike	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 400; Candidates exalted, 46; Fees to Grand Chapter, $144.

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KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

A.L. 5790.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Enoch G. Currier	High Priest.
E. David J. Adams	King.
E. Gamaliel Hodges	Scribe.
John M. Carter	Captain of the Host.
George H. Stevens	Principal Sojourner
Joseph E. Kimball	Royal Arch Captain.
John C. Kimball	Master Third Veil.
Laurence B. Cushing	Master Second Veil.
Edward A. Moseley	Master First Veil.
Nathan A. Moulton	Treasurer.
James W. Cheney	Secretary.
O. S. Butler	Chaplain.
Samuel Noyes	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 112; Candidates Exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, $42.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

A.L. 5811.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles H. Norris	High Priest.
E. Israel S. Lee	King.
E. George Tapley	Scribe.
Charles D. McDuffee	Captain of the Host.
George W. S. Rollins	Principal Sojourner.
Edward H. Staten	Royal Arch Captain.
Robert Chase	Master Third Veil.
Thomas E. Smith	Master Second Veil.
Samuel P. Walcott	Master First Veil.
Alvah Kendall	Treasurer.
William Archer	Secretary.
James Kimball	Chaplain.
James A. Hill	Senior Steward.
Samuel W. Fairfield	Junior Steward.
William L. Batchelder	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Present number of Members, 169; Candidates Exalted, 31; Fees to Grand Chapter, $99.

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ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

A.L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

M.E. JOHN A. LEE	High Priest.
E. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER	King.
E. WILLIAM W. ARNOLD	Scribe.
DAVID S. SMALL	Captain of the Host.
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, Jr.	Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM H. SHERMAN	Royal Arch Captain.
BENJAMIN S. JENKINS	Master Third Veil.
JAMES W. LAWRENCE	Master Second Veil.
CHARLES SEARELL	Master First Veil.
EDWARD STETSON	Treasurer.
ELISHA C. LEONARD	Secretary.
JAMES TAYLOR	Chaplain.
WILLIAM A. SEARELL	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 279; Candidates Exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, $63.

MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

A.L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

M.E. RICHARD H. BAILEY	High Priest.
E. JAMES C. DRAKE	King.
E. WILLIAM F. ROWERS	Scribe.
LOWELL PRESTON	Captain of the Host.
WILLIAM A. SHAW	Principal Sojourner.
WILLIAM A. FULLER	Royal Arch Captain.
WILLIAM H. ALLEN	Master Third Veil.
CHARLES E. EVANS	Master Second Veil.
GEORGE H. KENDALL	Master First Veil.
THOMAS WARNER, Jr.	Treasurer.
J. E. COOLIDGE	Secretary.
JOHN E. TAYLOR	Chaplain.
GEORGE D. ROLLINS	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of members, 273; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, $57.

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FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

A.L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

M.E. William S. Severance	High Priest.
E. George Willey	King.
E. O. D. Potter	Scribe.
David Lyon	Captain of the Host.
E. J. Rice	Principal Sojourner.
Charles P. Forbes	Royal Arch Captain.
John A. Clark	Master Third Veil.
George A. Allen	Master Second Veil.
L. H. Bailey	Master First Veil.
R. Howland	Treasurer.
L. C. Pratt	Secretary.
P. V. Finch	Chaplain.
Andrew W. Wait	Senior Steward.
J. H. Nutting	Junior Steward.
John J. Graves	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday next after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 120; Candidates Exalted, 12; Fees to Grand Chapter, $42.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5818.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Frederick A. Pierce	High Priest.
E. Richard M. Barker	King.
E. James A. Fox	Scribe.
Samuel W. Greene	Captain of the Host.
Charles G. Jackman	Principal Sojourner.
Henry Warren	Royal Arch Captain.
James Mills	Master Third Veil.
Charles J. Hayden	Master Second Veil.
Henry J. Parker	Master First Veil.
John K. Hall	Treasurer.
Theodore H. Emmons	Secretary.
Rev. Samuel Kelly	Chaplain.
William Sawyer	Senior Steward.
Thomas R. Jacobs	Junior Steward.
George H. Pike	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 252; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, $66.

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MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

A.L. 5820.

OFFICERS.

M.E. George B. Blake	High Priest.
E. Bradford Kinsley	King.
E. Enoch P. Davis	Scribe.
Jonathan R. Gay	Captain of the Host.
Benjamin Ward, Jr.	Principal Sojourner.
George F. Walker	Royal Arch Captain.
Joshua Britton	Master Third Veil.
Fred. L. Brett	Master Second Veil.
Horace Beals	Master First Veil.
Luther Belcher	Treasurer.
Washington Tower, Jr.	Secretary.
A. St. John Chambre	Chaplain.
Hiram Linfield	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday preceding Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 59; Candidates exalted, 8; Fees to Grand Chapter, $30.

THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

A.L. 5821.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles S. Litch	High Priest.
E. Thomas C. Caldwell	King.
E. George Wheelock	Scribe.
Jonas A. Marshall	Captain of the Host.
Thomas W. Davis	Principal Sojourner.
Francis Sheldon	Royal Arch Captain.
Cyrus Brown	Master Third Veil.
James L. Chapman	Master Second Veil.
Oran S. Rice	Master First Veil.
Arnold Wilson	Treasurer.
Henry Allison	Secretary.
H. L. Jones, D. C. Brick,	Chaplains.
A. P. Kimball	Senior Steward.
C. J. Billings	Junior Steward.
Joseph Pierce	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, on or before Full Moon.

Present number of members, 92; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, $45.

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WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

A.L. 5823.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles G. Reed	High Priest.
E. Joseph R. Knox	King.
E. Daniel W. Bemis,	Scribe.
Daniel Seagrave	Captain of the Host.
Henry C. Wilson	Principal Sojourner.
Noel E. Converse	Royal Arch Captain
Henry C. Wadsworth	Master Third Veil.
George F. Wood	Master Second Veil.
Edward S. Pike	Master First Veil.
Charles H. Fitch	Treasurer.
George E. Boyden	Secretary.
Rev. Royal B. Stratton	Chaplain.
Simeon B. Marsh	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 210; Candidates exalted, 36; Fees to Grand Chapter, $112.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

A.L. 5824.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Henry C. Skinner	High Priest.
E. Edward Woods	King.
E. Isaac H. Stearns	Scribe.
George E. Stacy	Captain of the Host.
Leonard Fairbanks	Principal Sojourner.
J. Harding Smith	Royal Arch Captain.
Ezra F. Holbrook	Master Third Veil.
Alfred A. Burrell	Master Second Veil.
J. C. Bradford	Master First Veil.
Leonard Hunt	Treasurer.
James S. Slater	Secretary.
Rev. George S. Ball	Chaplain.
Alfred H. Hastings	Senior Steward.
Charles C. Smith	Junior Steward.
John M. Wood	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 144; Candidates exalted, 30; Fees to Grand Chapter, $96.

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NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Josiah H. Prindle	High Priest.
E. John A. Prentiss	King.
E. Aaron C. Barton	Scribe.
Edward F. Hamlin	Captain of the Host.
Joseph C. Williams	Principal Sojourner.
William C. Pomeroy	Royal Arch Captain.
George S. Phelps	Master Third Veil.
Alvin Rust	Master Second Veil.
Onesime A. Parent	Master First Veil.
Ansel Wright, Jr.	Treasurer.
A. Perry Peck	Secretary.
William T. Clement	Chaplain.
William M. Weatherill	Senior Steward.
Ira H. Stevens	Junior Steward.
David B. Whitcomb, Jr.	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 106; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $48.

CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

M.E Josiah H. Simple	High Priest.
E. Abial S. Lewis	King.
E. William Hastings	Scribe.
Franklin H. Sprague	Captain of the Host.
William H. Chenery	Principal Sojourner.
Edgar Potter	Royal Arch Captan.
Joseph Cloyes	Master Third Veil.
Edward Burnham	Master Second Veil.
Nelson Winch	Master First Veil.
Adam Hemenway	Treasurer.
C. J Frost	Secretary.
Fred. Coe	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday of each month.

Present number of Members, 66; Candidates exalted, 9; Fees to Grand Chapter, $35.

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MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Albion J. Dudley	High Priest.
E. Charles Morrill	King.
E. John M. Pevey	Scribe.
Frederick Frye	Captain of the Host.
Nathaniel C. Sanborn	Principal Sojourner.
Alonzo K. Lynch	Royal Arch Captain.
J. J. C. Browne	Master Third Veil.
Alfred H. Chase	Master Second Veil.
Arthur G. Pollard	Master First Veil.
Jonathan P. Folsom	Treasurer.
Richard W. Baker	Secretary.
Hiram M. Hall	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday, on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 192; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, $51.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

A.L. 5854.

OFFICERS.

M.E. E. C. Chamberlin	High Priest.
E. George F. Sampson	King.
E. Thomas A. Upham	Scribe.
Simon Cragin	Captain of the Host.
Harry K. Thomas	Principal Sojourner.
Joseph Davis	Royal Arch Captain.
Philander Nutter	Master Third Veil.
Charles H. Pepper	Master Second Veil.
Eugene E. Alden	Master First Veil.
Samuel L. Fowle	Treasurer.
Hezekiah Mayo	Secretary.
Charles H. Scolley	Senior Steward.
Benjamin H. Stimson	Junior Steward.
Samuel W. Gleason	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, fourth Monday of each month.

Present number of Members, 158; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $60.

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CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

A.L. 5855.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles M. Avery	High Priest.
E. James M. Greenwood	King.
E. Charles T. Gay	Scribe.
Daniel E. Chase	Captain of the Host.
James Tent	Principal Sojourner.
William D. Seeley	Royal Arch Captain.
John E. Marden	Master Third Veil.
Simeon C. Williams	Master Second Veil.
Philip G. Ilsley	Master First Veil.
Slade Luther	Treasurer.
George W. Vose	Secretary.
Rev. Charles H. Leonard	Chaplain.
George W. Lane	Senior Steward.
Charles S. Beattey	Junior Steward.
Amos Seavey	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 210; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, $15.

ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

A.L. 5856.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Rufus S. Pope	High Priest.
E. J. K. Baker, Jr.	King.
E. V. B. Nickerson	Scribe.
J. W. Chapman	Captain of the Host.
O. C. Baker	Principal Sojourner.
J. B. Baxter	Royal Arch Captain.
N. D. Kelley	Master Third Veil.
Stephen Sears	Master Second Veil.
Benjamin P. Sears	Master First Veil.
Alexander Baxter	Treasurer.
Samuel Snow	Secretary.
James Barnaby	Chaplain.
Albert Berry	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday, on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 66; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, $27.

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PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

A.L. 5856.

OFFICERS.

M.E. David B. Tenney	High Priest.
E. Francis J. Stevens	King.
E. Levi C. Wadleigh	Scribe.
Edwin M. Hines	Captain of the Host.
Benjamin F. Darling	Principal Sojourner.
Nathaniel K. Johnson	Royal Arch Captain.
James W. P. Smith	Master Third Veil.
B. Addison Sawyer	Master Second Veil.
George W. Rollins	Master First Veil.
John P. Randall	Treasurer.
Charles Blanchard	Secretary.
Rev. Charles H. Seymour	Chaplain.
Calvin Smith	Senior Steward.
George W. Wallace	Junior Steward.
Daniel F. Smith	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 121; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, $63.

BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

A.L. 5858.

OFFICERS.

M.E. H. S. Russell	High Priest.
E. L. Scott	King.
E. D. A. Clary	Scribe.
J. C. Parker	Captain of the Host.
S. H. Almy	Principal Sojourner.
F. S. Parker	Royal Arch Captain.
G. T. Barker	Master Third Veil.
E. C. Crafts	Master Second Veil.
George W. Clark	Master First Veil.
J. Carter	Treasurer.
Lorenzo H. Gamwell	Secretary.
E. L. Wells	Chaplain.
Henry B Brewster	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 80; Candidates exalted, 6; Fees to Grand Chapter, $24.

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KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, WARE.

A.L. 5858.

OFFICERS.

M.E. George Robinson	High Priest.
E. N. G. Reed	King.
E. I. F. Snow	Scribe.
J. W. Robinson	Captain of the Host.
J. F. Jordan	Principal Sojourner.
J. S. Wilson	Royal Arch Captain.
W. H. Newland	Master Third Veil.
J. H. Pepper	Master Second Veil.
D. Russell	Master First Veil.
W. C. Sheldon	Treasurer.
Samuel H. Phelps	Secretary.
George W. Buttrick	Chaplain.
J. Wardsworth	Senior Steward.
D. C. Gates.	Junior Steward.
James Barkley	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 46; Candidates exalted, *none*; Fees to Grand Chapters, $6.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH.

A.L. 5860.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Isaac P Carpenter	High Priest.
E. William H. Thomas	King.
E. C. Richmond	Scribe.
C. H. Sawyer	Captain of the Host.
William B. Crocker	Principal Sojourner.
H. N. Paine	Royal Arch Captain.
George C. Forrest	Master Third Veil.
E. P. Paine	Master Second Veil.
Joseph Wilson	Master First Veil.
William Carpenter	Treasurer.
T. E. Grover	Secretary.
J. M. Merrick	Chaplain.
A. A. Wilmarth	Senior Steward.
L. P. Faught	Junior Steward.
Copeland Fales	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 64; Candidates exalted, 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, $15.

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MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

A.L. 5860.

OFFICERS.

M.E. D. F. Robinson	High Priest.
E. John Haigh	King.
E. Daniel Nason	Scribe.
N. A. Bishop	Captain of the Host.
A. A. Currier	Principal Sojourner.
H. H. Fletcher	Royal Arch Captain.
Benjamin Booth	Master Third Veil.
L. E. Hogle	Master Second Veil.
William F. Farnham	Master First Veil.
Rufus Reed	Treasurer.
P. B. Robinson	Secretary.
Rev. George S. Weaver	Chaplain.
Otis Slater	Senior Steward.
George W. Horn	Junior Steward.
G. W. Waterhouse	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, last Thursday in each month.

Present number of numbers, 136; Candidates Exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $48.

PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

A.L. 5862.

OFFICERS.

M.E. William H. Davis	High Priest.
E. Cyrus Morton, jr.	King.
E. B. Sanford, jr.	Scribe.
H. F. Copeland	Captain of the Host.
William H. Maine	Principal Sojourner.
Samuel N. Dyer, Jr.	Royal Arch Captain.
S. S Bradford	Master Third Veil.
James F. Cox	Master Second Veil.
George L. Faxon	Master First Veil.
Benjamin L. Nash	Treasurer.
Erastus M. Nash	Secretary.
Rev. F. P. Howland	Chaplain.
George A. Beal	Senior Steward.
George H. Pearson	Junior Steward.
Joseph F. French	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday on or before Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 167; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, $69.

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WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Thomas Winship	High Priest.
E. John W. Chapman	King.
E. Charles C. Dike	Scribe.
Osgood W. Upham	Captain of the Host.
George F. Clapp	Principal Sojourner.
Albert D. S. Bell	Royal Arch Captain.
Robert J. Chute	Master Third Veil.
George L. W. Dike	Master Second Veil.
Charles H. Nichols	Master First Veil.
George W. Heath	Treasurer.
Walter Littlefield	Secretary.
Thomas J. Greenwood	Chaplain.
O. S. Edgerly	Senior Steward.
Rufus Leavitt	Junior Steward.
Smith W. Nichols	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 311; Candidates exalted, 30; Fees to Grand Chapter, $96.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Benjamin Pope	High Priest.
E. Frederick G. Walbridge	King.
E. Benjamin T. Wells	Scribe.
John J. Dyer	Captain of the Host.
Parker C Burbank	Principal Sojourner.
Ralph Crocker, Jr.	Royal Arch Captain.
Ethan R. Cheney	Master Third Veil.
Lendall F. Tarbett	Master Second Veil.
Joseph R. Grose	Master First Veil.
Horace Smith	Treasurer.
N. A. Apollonio	Secretary,
J. I. T. Coolidge	Chaplain.
John Q. A. Hilbrook	Senior Steward.
Amasa D. Thompson	Junior Steward.
William D. Rockwood	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of members, 133; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $60.

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HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. James B. Shaw	High Priest.
E. Marshall Fox	King.
E. John E. Crane	Scribe.
James S. Williams	Captain of the Host.
Andrew Pinney	Principal Sojourner.
T. H. Hughes	Royal Arch Captain.
G. B. Kenerson	Master Third Veil.
F. J. Wassum	Master Second Veil.
William Merriam	Master First Veil.
W. W. Cross	Treasurer.
H. H. Saunders	Secretary.
C. F. Foster	Chaplain.
T. F. Fuller	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Wednesday succeeding Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 62; Candidates exalted, 15; Fees to Grand Chapter, $51.

MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles E. Joyce	High Priest.
E. Alfred Haskell	King.
E. S. B. Harrington	Scribe.
Amos B. Morss	Captain of the Host.
James P. Richardson	Principal Sojourner.
Charles D. Archibald	Royal Arch Captain.
Fred. J. Peabody	Master Third Veil.
Edgar M. Platt	Master Second Veil.
George H. Conn	Master First Veil.
Gforge B. Green	Treasurer.
P. R. Litchfield	Secretary.
Benjamin H. Davis	Chaplain.
Benjamin A. Hersey	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday after Full Moon.

Present number of Members, 108; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, $69.

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SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Alonzo C. Blethen	High Priest.
E. Timothy Stevens	King.
E. David J. Newhall	Scribe.
Elbridge B. Staples	Captain of the Host.
William H. Collins	Principal Sojourner.
John C. Myer	Royal Arch Captain.
Jerome Ingalls	Master Third Veil.
Charles Healey	Master Second Veil.
Sylvester B. Breed	Master First Veil.
George B. Tolman	Treasurer.
Henry C. Oliver	Secretary.
Nathan B. Fletcher	Senior Steward.
Daniel A. Sutherland	Junior Steward.
Stephen H. Sawtell	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 78; Candidates exalted, 8; Fees to Grand Chapter, $30.

FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Robert Henry	High Priest.
E. James F. Davenport	King.
E. Silas Williams	Scribe.
William Davenport	Captain of the Host.
C. E. Gifford	Principal Sojourner.
Alden Gilbert	Royal Arch Captain.
John Whitaker	Master Third Veil.
Andrew M. Speedie	Master Second Veil.
F. W. Macomber	Master First Veil.
A. L. Westgate	Treasurer.
Thomas L. Brayton	Secretary.
John Duncan	Chaplain.
James Davis	Senior Steward.
Mason Fisher	Junior Steward.
William Preston	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 116; Candidates exalted, 27; Fees to Grand Chapter, $85.

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CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles Harris	High Priest.
E. Hiram L. Chase	King.
E. Samuel M. Davis	Scribe.
Horace W. Fuller	Captain of the Host.
Leander M. Hannum	Principal Sojourner.
William J. Dowd	Royal Arch Captain.
Eben C. Prescott	Master Third Veil.
William L. Lothrop	Master Second Veil.
Daniel P. Cummings	Master First Veil.
George P. Carter	Treasurer.
Seymour B. Snow	Secretary.
Rev. E. B. Chase	Chaplain.
William Dailey	Senior Steward.
Alfred Whitman	Junior Steward.
Daniel M. Hazen	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 129; Candidates exalted, 17; Fees to Grand Chapter, $57.

WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Robert L. Davis	High Priest.
E. John C. Locke	King.
E. John W. Fairbanks	Scribe.
Henry W. Hartwell	Captain of the Host.
George A. Bates	Principal Sojourner.
Nathan S. Whitney	Royal Arch Captain.
Charles W. Stow	Master Third Veil.
John E. Whitcomb	Master Second Veil.
Kenneth M. Deane	Master First Veil.
Henry Martyn	Treasurer.
Henry N. Fisher	Secretary.
Leonard P. Frost	Chaplain.
Charles A. Brackett	Senior Steward.
Francis P. Pratt	Junior Steward.
Hobert T. Gerould	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full Moon.

Present number of Members, 100; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, $45.

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St. MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles F. Johnson	High Priest.
E. James Utley	King.
E. F. G. Shalling	Scribe.
John Holland	Captain of the Host.
Charles F. Eddy	Principal Sojourner.
William B. Presbury	Royal Arch Captain.
George F. Champney	Master Third Veil.
Timothy C. Baker	Master Second Veil.
B. C. Pierce	Master First Veil.
Charles Lawton	Treasurer.
M. Frank Pike	Secretary.
William A. Brown	Chaplains.
Nathaniel W. Briggs	Senior Steward.
William E. Dean	Junior Steward.
William Cox	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full Moon.

Present number of Members, 103; Candidates exalted, 6; Fees to Grand Chapter, $24.

MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPTER, HOLYOKE.

A.L. 5835.

OFFICERS.

M.E. William Grover	High Priest.
E. Nathaniel W. Quint	King.
E. R. S. Howard	Scribe.
Oscar S. Tuttle	Captain of the Host.
Cyrus L. Frink	Principal Sojourner.
Robert B. Johnson	Royal Arch Captain.
Allan Higginbottom	Master Third Veil.
A. L. Shumway	Master Second Veil.
Charles Blodgett	Master First Veil.
George W. Prentiss	Treasurer.
Charles H. Lyman	Secretary.
Alexander M. Averill	Chaplain.
Philander Moore	Senior Steward.
William Ruddy	Junior Steward.
Benjamin F. Lincoln	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members. 48; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, $21.

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MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles J. Danforth	High Priest.
E. Samuel Little	King.
E. Joshua H. Putnam	Scribe.
John W. Lord	Captain of the Host.
Ebenezer Adams	Principal Sojourner.
George Richards	Royal Arch Captain.
Daniel Wheeler	Master Third Veil.
Julius Baron	Master Second Veil.
C. C. Chickering	Master First Veil.
R. W. Molineux	Treasurer.
J. Gardner Curtis	Secretary.
John W. Dadmun	Chaplain.
E. G. Scott	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 78; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $60.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, ADAMS.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Daniel Upton	High Priest.
E. John M. Morin	King.
E. William H. Gaylord	Scribe.
J. C. Chalmers	Captain of the Host.
D. D. Bowen	Principal Sojourner.
James Renfrew	Royal Arch Captain.
E. T. Hunt	Master Third Veil.
S. F. Howland	Master Second Veil.
George W. Adams	Master First Veil.
E. Burlingame	Treasurer.
H. H. Wellington	Secretary.
E. T. Hunt	Chaplain.
L. J. Follett	Senior Steward.
William Claighton	Junior Steward.
James Sendsey	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 36; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, $21.

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UNION CHAPTER, ATHOL.

A.L. 5866.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Andrew Atwood	High Priest.
E. C. W. Bannon	King.
E. C. M. Taylor	Scribe.
D. W. Houghton	Captain of the Host.
George H. Richardson	Principal Sojourner.
C. W. Barber	Royal Arch Captain.
Eri Shepardson	Master Third Veil.
Asa Barnes	Master Second Veil.
F. G. Lord	Master First Veil.
N. Richardson	Treasurer.
Lucian Lord	Secretary.
Amos Cheney	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Tuesday on or after full Moon.

Present number of Members, 43; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, $27.

St. STEPHEN'S CHAPTER, DORCHESTER.

A.L. 5866.

OFFICERS.

M.E. William Sayward	High Priest.
E. William T. Adams	King.
E. Samuel B Hildreth	Scribe.
Nelson N. Farrar	Captain of the Host.
Lucius H. Dwelley	Principal Sojourner.
Joseph H. Beal	Royal Arch Captain.
William H. West	Master Third Veil.
Laban Pratt	Master Second Veil.
Coolidge Barnard	Master First Veil.
Henry Hall	Treasurer.
Thomas F. Temple	Secretary.
Philemon Ruggles	Chaplain.
Otis Eddy	Senior Steward.
Augustus F. Leman	Junior Steward.
Benjamin C. Bird	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 39; Candidates exalted, 4; Fees to Grand Chapter, $18.

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MENOTOMY CHAPTER, ARLINGTON.

A.L. 5866.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Edward Storer	High Priest.
E. W [illegible] H. Pattee	King.
E. George H. Lancaster	Scribe.
Marcus Morton	Captain of the Host.
James Durgin	Principal Sojourner.
John A. Pattee	Royal Arch Captain.
George D. Tufts	Master Third Veil.
Andrew F. Allen	Master Second Veil.
Albert L. Teel	Master First Veil.
J. Winslow Pierce	Treasurer.
Milan R. Hardy	Secretary.
J. W. Keyes	Chaplain.
James Baston	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 71; Candidates exalted, 33; Fees to Grand Chapter, $101.

WEBSTER CHAPTER, WEBSTER.

A.L. 5866.

OFFICERS.

M.E. George J. Sawyer	High Priest.
E. F. F. Chace	King.
E. Hiram Allen	Scribe.
Wyman E. Phetteplace	Captain of the Host.
Edward F. Smith	Principal Sojourner.
Elisha Chase	Royal Arch Captain.
John Hethrington, Jr.	Master Third Veil.
Alonzo L. Kimball	Master Second Veil.
George H. Jacobs	Master First Veil.
Jamrs Chadwick	Treasurer.
George H Jacobs	Secretary.
William Crossley	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 18; Candidates exalted, 5; Fees to Grand Chapter, $24.

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HOUGHTON CHAPTER, MARLBOROUGH.

A.L. 5867.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Burleigh Morse	High Priest.
E. W. E C. Worcester	King.
E. N. S. Chamberlain	Scribe.
Marshall P. Rogers	Captain of the Host.
Charles F. Morse	Principal Sojourner.
Edwin A. Bradley	Royal Arch Captain.
B. F. Smith	Master Third Veil.
L. D. Hunter	Master Second Veil.
George E. Sherman	Master First Veil.
Martin Dadman	Treasurer.
John F. Cotting	Secretary.
Edwin F. Longley	Senior Steward.
L. Dadman	Junior Steward.
Sidney Brigham	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, Friday, after full Moon.

Present number of Members, ; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, $75.

ISLE OF THE SEA CHAPTER, NANTUCKET.

A.L. 5867.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Charles H. Jaggar	High Priest.
E. Joseph S. Barney	King.
E. Charles E. Allen	Scribe.
George S. Wilbar	Captain of the Host.
Orin F. Adams	Principal Sojourner.
James S. Chase	Royal Arch Captain.
S. R. Williams	Master Third Veil.
H. C. Pinkham	Master Second Veil.
George F. Bunker	Master First Veil.
George W. Macy	Treasurer.
Charles S. Brooks	Secretary.
Frank B. Smith	Tyler.

Regular Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members 15; Candidates exalted 3; Fees to Grand Chapter, $15.

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PARKER CHAPTER, NATICK.

A.L. 5868. (U.D.)

CHAPTER OF THE SIGNET, CHARLESTOWN.

A.L. 5868.

OFFICERS.

M.E. George H. Marden	High Priest.
E. Gideon Haynes	King.
E. William H. Kent	Scribe.

SAMOSET CHAPTER, PLYMOUTH.

A.L. 5888. (U.D.)

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RECAPITULATION.

St. Andrew's, Boston	5769	46	400
King Cyrus, Newburyport	5790	12	112
Washington, Salem	5811	31	169
Adoniram, New Bedford	5816	19	279
Morning Star, Springfield	5817	17	273
Franklin, Greenfield	5817	12	120
St. Paul's, Boston	5818	20	352
Mount Zion, Stoughton	5820	8	59
Thomas, Fitchburg	5821	13	92
Worcester, Worcester	5823	36	210
Mount Labanon, Milford	5824	30	144
Northampton, Northampton	5825	14	106
Concord, Framingham	5826	9	66
Mount Horeb, Lowell	5826	15	192
St. John's, East Boston	5854	18	158
Shekinah, Chelsea	5855	13	210
Orient, Hyannis	5856	7	66
Pentucket, Haverhill	5856	15	121
Berkshire, Pittsfield	5858	6	80
King Solomon's, Ware	5858	0	46
Keystone, Foxborough	5860	3	64
Mount Sinai, Lawrence	5860	14	136
Pilgrim, Abington	5862	21	167
Waverly, Melrose	5863	30	311
St. Matthew's, South Boston	5863	18	133
Hampden, Palmer	5863	0	0
Mystic, Medford	5863	21	108
Sutton, Lynn	5863	8	78
Fall River, Fall River	5864	27	116
Cambridge, Cambridge	5864	17	129
Waltham, Waltham	5864	13	100
St. Mark's, Taunton	5865	6	103
Mount Holyoke, Holyoke	5865	5	48
Mount Vernon, Roxbury	5865	18	78

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Corinthian, Adams	5865	5	36
Union, Athol	5866	0	0
Menotomy, West Cambridge	5866	33	71
St. Stephen's Dorchester	5866	4	39
Webster, Webster	5866	5	18
Houghton, Marlboro'	5867	23	0
Isle of the Sea, Nantucket	5867	3	15
Parker, (u.d.) Natick	5868		
Chatter of the Signet, (u.d) Charlestown	5868		
Samoset Chapter, (u.d.) Plymouth	5868		
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Grand King.

CHARLES H. NORRIS . . . . . SALEM.
Grand Scribe.

THOMAS WATERMAN . . . . . BOSTON,
Grand Secretary.

MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . . . . BOSTON,
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